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# Porter faces £31m bill

David Hencke and Rebecca Smithers

AME Shirley Porter, the Tesco heiress. was fighting last night to prevent losing half her fortune to pay a £31 million surcharge after being found guilty of orchestrating the biggest corruption scan-dal in local government this

The former Westminster leader landed John Major in a fresh sleaze storm in the Commons after he refused to condemn her and five others accused of gerrymandering the Tories' flagship council at the expense of homeless

Her appeal — which must be lodged in 28 days — could take place in the run-up to the next election. Dame Shirley was said to have engaged two firms of accountants and a new barrister to fight the

Westminster council is expected to announce today that its council house sales programme will be halted because it could be illegal under the findings of John Magill. the district auditor. Ministers will also be forced to an-nounce a review of the in-quiry system, set up by the Tories in 1983, after the legal

hearing. Dame Shirley, who left Britain for Tel Aviv in 1991, will be landed with nearly all the £31 million bill because none of the officials and councillors has the means to meet the surcharge under rules which make them "jointly and severally liable" for the misspent money and losses caused by their unlawful policy, known as the 'homes for

votes" scandal. The five, who include her deputy council leader David Weeks and former managing director Bill Phillips, face financial ruin if they have to meet their £5 million share of

Dame Shirley has a fortune estimated at £60 million, mainly inherited from shares in Tesco, the firm set up by her father, Sir Jack Cohen. The flamboyant former West-minster leader and friend of Lady Thatcher, has a rich husband, Sir Leslie Porter, a Lloyds name, who ran a textile business before chairing Tesco from 1973 to 1985. The live in an exclusive £1.3 mil lion apartment overlooking the Mediterranean in TelAviv. Since the 1980s they have donated millions of pounds to charities in Israel through the Porter Foundation, which has funds of about £20 million and has recently earned in-come of about £1 million a

Both are on the board of governors of Tel Aviv univer sity, where Dame Shirley is planning to build a block in memory of her grandson Dan-iel Markus, killed in a car accident in 1993. They enjoy the status of temporary resi dents in Tel Aviv, but still keep a home in Chester Square, Belgravia, London. Winters are often spent in Palm Springs, Florida. The row over the seven-year inquiry — which had



Porter's pearls

'Of course we're not as similar as we are cracked up to be. We were just both strong women in politics. We were both grocer's daughters, I suppose, but hers

was only a comer shop' on Lady Thatcher

Everything I get

involved in I seem to end up running

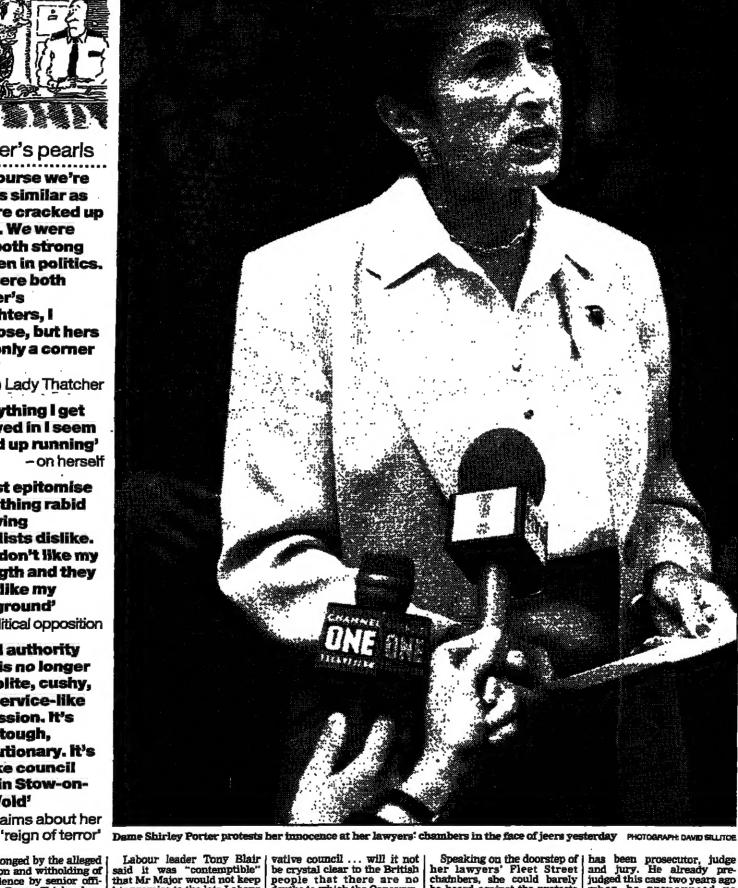
¶must epitomise everything rabid left-wing socialists dislike. They don't like my strength and they don't like my

background' on political opposition

**Local authority** work is no longer the polite, cushy, civil service-like profession. It's hard, tough, revolutionary. It's not like council work in Stow-onthe-Wold'

- on claims about her

been prolonged by the alleged destruction and witholding of vital evidence by senior officials and Dame Shirley herself — caused mayhem in the Commons. There was fury from the Opposition benches in the Commons after the Prime Minister repeatedly refused to condemn the activities of the six accused until the allegations had been



actions "of a flagship Conser-

1994 that he would "condemn unreservedly" the initial allegations in Mr Magill's interim report, should they subsequently be confirmed. But Mr Blair said that if Mr

Labour leader Tony Blair vative council ... will it not said it was "contemptible" be crystal clear to the British people that there are no depths to which the Conservative Party will not stoop to gain re-election to any office that it holds?"

Earlier, Dame Shirley had read out a short statement protesting her innocence and insisting that there had been Major refused to condemn the no wrong-doing by the

Speaking on the doorstep of her lawyers' Pleet Street chambers, she could barely be heard against the protests of Westminster residents who chanted: "Go back to Israel". Dame Shirley said she and her former colleagues had been the victim of a kangaroo

court.
"Mr Magill's investigation
has been blatantly unfair."
she told reporters. "One man

judged this case two years ago when he pronounced us guilty before hearing our evidence. "It spells the end of local

government as we know it. It is a threat to every councillor in the land".

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### De Klerk's withdrawal from Mandela government brings rude end to constitution joy

David Beresford in Cape Town

SOUTH Africa was stunned yesterday by the abrupt withdrawal of the National Party from the coalition gov-ernment, a decision precipitated by disagreements over the country's new constitution and the growing financial crisis resulting from the

collapse of the rand.

The deputy president, F. W.
de Klerk, and his six party
colleagues on the 27-member
cabinet will withdraw from government at the end of next month. The announcement came after a hurried meeting of the National Party's federal council, called to end uncertainty over the issue, which

was seen as a major factor in the battering taken by the South African currency on foreign exchange markets. The rand has lost roughly quarter of its value since February, eating at the country's gold and foreign exchange reserves. There were indica-tions late yesterday that the early decision by the party could calm the markets.

President Nelson Mandela | could strengthen the country, | counsel will prevail and they tried to put a brave face on | and that it demonstrated that | will remain." the blow to his fledgling national unity administra tion, which came as parlia mentarians were still nursing hangovers from late-night cel ebrations of Wednesday's adoption of a new South Afri can constitution.

Mr Mandela insisted that

Mr Mandela insisted that of a withdrawal by saying: "I the National Party pullout sincerely hope that wise

"our democracy has come of age". He said he was confi-dent that he and Mr De Klerk would continue to work together "in pursuit of our country's interests". Just a few hours earlier, however he had reacted to prediction

There was immediate spec-ulation yesterday that Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party would follow the National Party into opposition. They issued a turn to page 2, column 3

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# keep forces ban on gays

Michael White Political Editor

Ps last night voted to uphold the Min-istry of Defence's traditional ban on homosexuals serving in the armed forces in the face of warnings that European court actions would force a Uturn on Britain within three

After an impassioned debate, triggered by Tory MP Edwina Currie's amendment to the Armed Forces Bill, the Government's three-line whip prevailed — by 188 votes to 120 — over an all-party coali-tion which accused ministers of prejudice and injustice, inefficiency and expense in enforcing existing rules.

To the dismay of some Labour MPs, the shadow cabinet's decision to permit a free vote meant that many Opposition members were absent Despite earlier promises that a Labour government would seek to change the law, Tony Blair abstained.

Though he supports the amendment in principle, the not be imposed on the armed forces against their will — the view upheld this week by a cross-party committee of MPs, which agreed that removing the ban would undermine service morale and operational effectiveness. Labour's junior defence spokesman, Dr John Reid, admitted the balance between

peratives was always difficult speech and political and trade union activity. While condemning "redneck. thick-skulled bigots" he argued that the potential for sexual relations in combat units did undermine military

civil rights and military im-

effectiveness and tipped the balance on "logical objective grounds" Dr Reid's words produced anger among some MPs, but were endorsed by the Army Minister, Nicholas Soame "The services do not have the

have the need to be different."

The Currie amendment would have permitted sexual activity, heterosexual or gay, except when it was likely to be prejudicial to good order, undermined command relations or involved abuse of higher rank for sexual purposes. No one would be discharged solely on grounds of sexual orientation.

There were repeated predictions — challenged by Mr Soames — that the European Court of Human Rights would force whichever party was in power to reverse the law in

1997-99. Michael Brown, a Euro sceptic as well as the only openly gay Tory MP, said it was better that Parliament redress an injustice rather than be dragooned into doing so. Other Tories said the EU's own court might strike first on equal opportunity grounds
— and should be rebuffed, lest it open the floodgates to costly

compensation claims.

MPs backing the bill included the Liberal Democrat defence spokesman, Menzies Campbell, and former Labour minister Gerald Kaufman.

Mr Campbell argued that the attitude within the services is almost inevitably conditioned by the fact that the ban exists" — tantamount to saying that past prejudice against women and black people should also have been

Mrs Currie told MPs that the blanket ban on gay and lesbian people in the services was unique, since discipline to drugs, alcohol, heterosexual conduct and conventional crime were discretionary.

Many of the 300-400 people forced out of the forces were expensively trained. "loyal and patriotic" servicemen and women whom the MoD could not afford to lose. MPs had earlier voted by

203 to 129 against Labour MP Andrew McKinlay's plea for a pardon for 300 traumatised servicemen shot for desertion and related offences in the right to be different, they first world war.

## Prague Writers' Festival 1996

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#### Sketch

## Major in the dock is the only for blame-rigging



Simon Hoggart

VITH a chutzpah Dame Shirley Porter herself might envy, the Government blamed the Westmin-ster vote-rigging scandal on the Labour Party. "Disgraceful", "Improper" and "unlawful" are a lew of

the words used by the district auditor to describe the behaviour of Westminster council-

lors. Others are "squalid", "evasive" and "false". It may be the greatest mu-nicipal scandal in British history. But under present politi-cal practice, the bigger the scandal, the more likely it is to be the Opposition's fault.

Look at the shameless way Labour brought about the arms-for-Iraq imbroglio. Or their disgraceful decision to get British beef banned

broughout the world. It's no wonder that for the Government, Labour's appalling behaviour at Westminster was the final straw. Mr Major was scarcely capable of con-

taining his rage. Tony Blair reminded him that he had said, two years ago, that if the original allegations of vote-rigging and gerrymandering were confirmed he would condemn it "abso-

lutely and unreservedly". Would he now do so? Apparently not. "I am surprised to have to say this to a distinguished lawyer. I be-lieve in justice," he said, set-ting himself apart from the lynch mob opposite who wanted to condemn Dame Shirley on evidence so flimsy it had taken a mere eight years and 14,000 pages of evi-dence to cobble together.

"Individuals have the right to appeal the auditor's decision! I understand that they vehemently contest his report . with the trail of waste, inefficiency and corruption in Labour councils up and down the country, you are in no po-sition to lecture anyone!"

Mr Blair snapped: "Won't you take the opportunity to fulfil your promise and condemn what any reasonable person would condemn?" Mr Major accused him of making a judgment before the matter had gone to court. "I think that is a contemptible

way for you to behave! (Though not, perhaps, quite as contemptible as putting families into asbestos-ridden flats where their votes could do Dame Shirley no harm. Actually, I am unfairly pre-judg-ing the issue. One should remember the district auditor is himself parti pris, working for that well known Scargillite front organisation, Deloitte &

Touche, accountants.)
Mr Blair said Westminster was not any old Tory council; everything they did was done with the full knowledge of the Tory party. "If you fail to won't it be crys tal clear to the British people that there are no depths to which the Conservative party will not stoop to gain re-

election?"
Mr Major snorted with fury. "You take a smear, spread a smear, and hope that it will stick," he said. Mr Blair looked quite genuinely angry, which is unusual for him; normally be prefers his famous smile, or to ignore Mr Major and chat to some stranger, who may have wandered into the Chamber to keep warm. Next John Gummer

answered a question on the same subject. Mr Gummer was so puffed up he could have anyone lit a match near him he would have exploded, like the Hindenberg. Frank Dobson said that if

this Government didn't set up a public inquiry, Labour would. Mr Gummer replied very, very slowly, like a pusil-lanimous version of Portia. "The public will now under-stand that nothing will not be

used to Labour for party political advantage." He went on: "We were given parliamentary privilege to defend the innocent . . . every person living in Her Majesty's domain has the right to put their case, rich or poor,

elected or unelected!"
The Tolpuddle Martyrs!
Oscar Wilde! Alfred Dreyfus! What a roll call they make. But Dame Shirley Porter?

#### Political instability certainty from the general election, with the Congress party set for third place and the Hindu BJP unable to govern alone



The Bharatiya Janata Party candidate for premier. A. B. Vajpayee, salutes his party's success

# India faces poll turmoil

NDIA'S ruling Congress party faced a rout in first results from general elections yesterday, amid signs it could be rele-gated to a humiliating third place, after once governing the country as a virtual right. The prime minister, P. V. Narasimha Rao, announced that he would submit his resignation to India's president after a cabinet meeting today. But while the Congress has disintegrated as a national force, no party is able to take its place. The country faces political instability under a coalition government whose parameters have yet to take

with just over one-third of seats declared on the second day of counting, there were evident siens of alarm, few evident signs of alarm, however, at results that point to an India that has never been so divided.

Both the Hindu chauvinists of the rightwing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the National Front-Left Front alliance of Communist and regional parties have staked their claim to government.
"It's a mandate for the BJP," the party's president, L. K. Advani, said. "The ver-dict imposes a responsibility

But the BJP's brand of findu nationalism will be ikely to scare potential coalition partners, opening the way for the NF-LF, in which Communists play a deciding role. Beneath the red flags at Communist headquarters in New Delhi, party leaders were extremely confident.
"The front will be able to form the government," de-clared Harkishan Singh Sur-

ject, the general-secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist).

parliamentary elections. She lost her own seat by more than 8,000 votes. Several of (Marxist).

Although a final count may not emerge until the weekend, the Congress party was yesterday forced to acknowledge its worst election defeat

dence — and the end of an era in which it has ruled for all The Congress had won or was leading in 117 seats yesterday, against 103 for the country.

in the 50 years since indepen-

BJP. However, projections on the state-controlled Doordar-shan network said the Congress could come a close third behind the NF-LF with 130-140 seats. The projections gave the BJP 175-185 seats. Unallied parties, who will be treated with unaccustomed regard as the kingmakers of Indian politics scrabble for coalition partners, were pro-

jected to win 70-90 seats.
While spokesmen at the white colonial bungalow in New Delhi that is the Congress party's central office tried to put on a brave face they said the Congress would not even try to form a government. "The party will have to do some introspection and find out what it did wrong and find ways of revitalising the party," a spokesman.
V. N. Gadgil, admitted.
The foreign minister,
Pranab Mukherjee, said the

party had been too modest about its achievements, espeembraced in 1991, which have the broad support of middle-class city dwellers. 'I think we have not been able to com-municate the message of the liberalisation of the econo-

my," he said.
The scale of the Congress defeat has led to speculation about the future of the famously uncharismatic Mr Rao, but Mr Gadgil insisted Mr Rao would stay on as party leader. Congress leaders said privately that they doubted whether any challenger from within the party could muster enough support from fellow

MPs to oust him.

Some of Mr Rao's allies were given no choice but to bow out. J. Jayalalitha, the imperious chief minister of southern Tamil Nadu state, resigned after her party was wiped out in both state and Mr Rao's ministers also lost

their seats. There are few signs of redemption for the Congress party in yesterday's results. It lost heavily in every region, but perticularly in Mr Rao's native south. Meanwhile, the BJP has been unable to break out of its strongholds in the north and the west of the



Victorious BJP candidate Vijay Goel, centre, celebrates with the party's chief minister of

## **Trader** in rare species jailed

TAXIDERMIST who en two years yesterday after pleading guilty to six speci-men charges of illegal traf-ficking in wildlife.

Nicolaas Peters was found to have freezers, an attic and two barns stuffed with more than 500 animals and birds from all over the world when his home was raided. The sentence, which included an order to pay £8,500 towards the prosecution costs, was the heaviest penalty ever imposed for wildlife offences.

posed for wildlife offences. Peters, a Dutchman, aged 41, traded under the name Identity Products in taxidermy supplies and dead wildlife specimens from his £170,000 home at Wood View in the village of Aberhalesp.

near Newtown, mid-Wales.

He had pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to six counts of fraudulently exporting and two of fraudulently importing specimens of creatures protected under the CITES inter-national convention on en-

dangered species.

Peters was told his sentence was to reflect the fact he persistently flouted the law and knowingly encouraged people to kill endangered species.

Among the specimens in his possession were a Siberian tiger, a ring-tailed lemur and a Philippine eagle, one of the most endangered species in the world with only 50 pairs arranging. pairs surviving.

Some of the specimens were pickled and some frozen ready for preparation for sale

to black market collectors. Mr Peters had already been prosecuted in France and Germany and was raided by Germany and was raided by Customs in August last year after being tracked to his Welsh home. Traffic, a World Wide Fund for Nature campaign aimed at stopping the illegal trade in wild animals, and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds were involved in a joint operation.

Officials were shocked at

Officials were shocked a the numbers and range of ani-mals Mr Peters had accumulated. Charges related to monkeys, macaques, a bushbaby, a lemur, and a number of birds including a Humboldt penguin, lesser flamingo and 15 species of Philippine birds.

Graham Wanne conserve. Graham Wynne, conserva-

tion director for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, said: "The Philippine eagle is perched on the very brink of extinction. The loss of just one bird is a tragedy, not just for the Philippines, where it is the national bird,

but for the whole world."

David Whittaker, defending, said Peters was now regarded as a pariah in his business. "Zoos, fellow collectors and taxidermists have all effectively washed their hands of him. His business will suffer irreparable damage long after today's

## Wit and wiles of mice and men

Jonathan Romnev

ERE we are at the start of another Cannes, and familiar shimmering chords quicken the pulse. Whoever chose the music for the competition trailer — Saint-Saens' Carnival of the Animals — is my idea of a cruel wit.

The proceedings opened with a pithy piece about split personality and the travails of identity: Mickey Perd La Tête - Runaway Brain - is the first Mickey Mouse short in 42

As an attempt to bring the cloying li'l fella into the Nineties, it's a sharp little effort, although not quite in the manic league of the Spielberg-produced Roger Rabbit shorts. Here, Mickey is a slobbish computer game aficionado who gets his brain implanted alavering ghoul with less than honourable intentions

towards ever-coy Minnie. The Nineties from is cranked up at the expense of Mickey's goody-goody image on his wall is a cheese Say No - but it's not too smugly self-conscious to mouse lovers that Disney is probably hoping for.
In more elevated mode, the opening film, Patrice Leconte's Ridicule, was the costume drama that has become regulation festival fare. Beautifully scripted by Rémi Waterhouse, it's set in the time of Louis XVI, when reputations were made and wrecked by a bon mot. Charles Berling plays a provincial aristocrat who comes to Veras isless hoping to save the be-nighted people of his marsh-land estate. He's betriended by an amiable Marquis (Jean Rochefort), who teaches him that wit rather than wisdom

will get him on at court. Humiliation is not the worst peril that lies ahead — there are also the intrigues of preda-tory court favourite Fanny Ardant and a corrupt Abbé, played with viperish charisma by Bernard Giraudeau.

The setting may suggest Les Liaisons Dangereuses with one liners, but Ridicule is an original piece with its own un-comfortable vision of the world. The court, a labyrinth of ante-chambers littered with petitions and ruined lives, is a place that thrives on polished emptiness, where seriousnes is banned and survival as an ace wit is possible only by ruthless humiliation of others. Without labouring the point. Waterhouse and Leconte make it plain that

they're talking as much about the present as the past.

Beautifully, but not over-exquisitely photographed by
Thierry Arbogast, the film has one drawback — the oner-ous conventions of sumptuous costume mean that the visuals are always one step behind

the script But overall, it's a beautiful balance between production elegance and verbal flair. The long debate about the mysterles of English humour cer-tainly went down a treat with the international audience.

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## 'Farm-belt Führer' goes on trial

US Nazi is charged with pouring racist propaganda into Germany

ian Traynor in Berlin

LEADING American LEADING American neo-Nazi went on trial in Hamburg yesterday, charged with inciting racist haired by exploiting freedom of speech laws in his homeland to pour facist propaganda into Germany for almost a quarter of a century.

Gary Lauck, aged 42, of Lincoln, Nebraska, and dubbed the "farm-belt Führer" in the United States, faces up to five years in jail if found guilty on 38 counts of stirring up racial 38 counts of stirring up racial hatred and disseminating Nazi symbols and literature, which are illegal in Germany. Mr Lauck became a Hitler obsessive after reading the Nazi leader's Mein Kampf at the age of 13. He sports a simi-lar toothbrush moustache, affects a Hitler hairstyle, adopts a German accent in speaking English, and prefers to be addressed not as Gary, but as

But the German prosecutors view him as the most danger-ous and active purveyor of neo-Nazi propaganda into

their country from outside. He could not be tried in America or extradited from the US because of constitu-tionally enshrined free speech rights which allow his hate-mongering. But at the Germans' request, he was ar-rested in Denmark in March ast year, and extradited to Hamburg. His trial is ex-pected to run for several

The Nazi party is outlawed in Germany, as is the dissemi-nation of Nazi literature and symbols, denial of the Holoaust and incitement to racial hatred and violence.

Mr Lauck heads what he calls the National Socialist German Workers' Party-International Organisation (NSDAP-AO). The NSDAP was the full title of Hitler's addressed not as Gary, but as
Germanised Gerhard.

All of which makes him sound more like Charlie chaplin than Adolf Hitler.

All of which makes him sound more like Charlie his native America and Germany, Mr Lauck opted to say



little after hearing the charges yesterday, in the ap-parent conviction that the rial was invalld and he was guilty of no crime.

confirm his identity and per-sonal details. According to Hamburg

Gary Lauck: Became a Hitler

here is against the law," his lawyer, Hans-Otto Sieg, told the court. Mr Lauck spoke fluent German when asked to

prosecutors, who have been building a case against Mr

Lauck for the past 15 years, he has been the key purveyor of white supremacist and neo-Nazi propaganda and Swas-tika stickers to the German neo-Nazi movement. The Nebraska-based opera-

tion has been churning out videos, pamphlets, and stick-ers by the thousand for years, including the Nazi anti-se-mitic film The Eternal Jew. His party paper. Nazi Battle Cry, responded to his extradi-tion to Germany last year by calling for the assessination of Germany's federal prosecutor-general, Kay Nehm.

Mr Lauck is believed to have become involved with

the neo-Nazl movement in the US in his teens. During the 1970s and 1980s, he was a regular visitor to Germany, where he was occasionally detained and deported. But the surge in neo-Nazi activism and anti-foreigner violence that followed unification in 1990 triggered a harder approach from the German

authorities, Their determination to muzzle the Lauck operation strengthened in 1992 when Nazi Battle Cry called for the establishment of "an armed movement" and published a

## Youth justice workers aim at De Klerk's party abandons Mandela 'unity' government

tougher penalties for crime Alan Travis

ANATIONAL "protocol" agreed by social services and probation officers to ensure that sentences given to teenage offenders are tough

was launched yesterday.

The protocol's aim is to "bury the notion once and for all that community alternatives to custody are a soft op- trates and offenders.

tion". It was prompted by cases such as a boy sent on safari while in local authority ecure accommodation.

The protocol says variation in the way young offenders are dealt with across the country amounts to "justice by geography". Every area as "rats" abandoning ship. should provide measures The Pan-Africanist Congress which can be readily understood by the public, magis-

continued from page 1 holding statement saying: "The IFP reserves its position over its membership of the Reaction from other parties

was largely derisory. The Freedom Front, representing conservative Afrikanerdom, described the National Party called on the ANC to "rule and legislate in the interests into conceding a power-shar-of the dispossessed majority. ing system of government be-

unencumbered by the kind of compromises it had to make in the past". The liberal Democratic Party said the National Party would be as irrelevant in opposition as it had been in government.

The decision to move into formal opposition followed unsuccessful attempts by Mr De Klerk to use the threat of withdrawal to pressure the felt for some time now that African National Congress our influence within the gov.

yond the turn of the century. "Since the new constitution does not provide for the continuation of any form of joint decision-making in the executive branch of government, we have decided that the time has come for us to play our full role as the main opposition party," Mr De Klerk said.
"The National Party has

they no longer need multi-

party government."
Mr De Klerk said he had informed Mr Mandela by telephone of the party's decision. The president had been 'cool" and "his usual friendly self" and "did not try to discuss the merits with me". Mr De Klerk denied that he intended to quit politics.

His withdrawal from government will leave Thabo Mbeki as Mr Mandela's sole deputy.

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## Darling, we've been binned by the Yanks

lan Katz in New York and Barbie Dutter

YEAR ago Absolutely Fabulous was the toast of American television. The relentlessly de-bauched BBC sitcom was a critics' favourite, Roseanne Barr was hard at work on her own version of the show, and a Hollywood studio was bent on bringing Patsy and Edina to the big

But yesterday, as it emerged that plans for a film version have been scrapped, it appeared that the AbFab express has run into the buffers of American political correctness.

sitcom has already reportedly been placed on ice because of network executives' nervousness over Patsy and Edina's prodi-gious appetite for drugs, booze and men.

A heavily toned down American-made AbFab clone has meanwhile bombed, and Comedy Cen-tral, the cable channel which still alrs the BBC original, starring Jennifer Saunders and Joanna Lum ley, three times a week, reports that ratings are way down from its peak

"We're on the back end of it now," said Comedy Central spokesman Joe Lyons. broadcast the 24 episodes of the sitcom several times.

Polygram Film Entertainment last year signed a deal with Ms Saunders, who conceived and wrote the accepted a script treatment series about a boozy prepared by Ms Saunders, middle-aged fashion publi- but she had later decided



Jennifer Saunders and Joanna Lumley as Patsy and Edina in Absolutely Fabulous. The toned down US version has bombed

But in Cannes this week, at the US television net drunken, nymphomaniacal reen Vincent, said the comedian and writer had "come to the conclusion. after a long period of think-ing, that she didn't want to expose her idea on the big

Polygram sources told Daily Variety that they had

Sawalha, and her fast-liv-last year, the series was ing, promiscuous friend played by Ms Lumley.

Last year, the series was deemed too crude for prime time viewing by executives life portrayal of Patsy, the

The show was axed beraunchy scripts.

The series, which sprang from a French and rently being repeated by Saunders sketch, arrived the BBC, following a decion British screens in No-vember 1992, and was an instant hit, receiving critical acclaim and a clutch of

Edina. The producer, Jon following rows over the Bafta award in the show's first year. sion by Ms Saunders to pull the plug on the show, which earned her an esti-mated £600,000 from her

deal with the BBC and as-

cist, her prissy teenage not to go ahead with the daughter, played by Julia film version.

Ms Saunders's scripts sorted spin-offs. She has, were rewarded with Bafta however, written a special, sawalha, and her fast-liv- Last year, the series was and Emmy awards, as was hour-long farewell episode, Ms Lumley's larger-thaniffe portrayal of Patsy, the
sy's adventures on the ski
drunken, nymphomaniacal
best friend of Saunders's

man of the Scottish National
Party, after Mr Forsyth
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Most will outgrow symptoms, study suggests

## **Nearly 50pc suffer** 'asthma' attacks

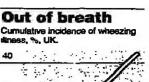
EARLY half the pop-ulation are likely to develop wheezing illnesses such as asthma by their early 30s. researchers say today in one of the biggest ever studies carried out into incidence of the condition.

They warn that although the majority of children with asthma will outgrow the symptoms, a quarter will con-tinue with problems through out their adult life.

The researchers say that by the age of seven, 18 per cent of people have suffered from vheezing illness. This rises to 24 per cent at age 16, and 43 per cent at 33.

David Strachan and colleagues, from the department of public health sciencies at St George's Hospital, London, say that a history of hay fever and smoking are the main risk factors for adult asthma. One of the clearest risk factors for children developing asthma is if their mothers bave smoked during

pregnancy.
The doctors have used data from 18,559 people, who com-prise what is known as the 1958 British national child de-velopment study.



of all people born in England.
Scotland and Wales in the
week starting March 3, 1958,
monitoring their health at

certain points. The members of the group have been examined at the ages of 7, 11, 16, 24 and 33. Dr Strachan and his colleagues, reporting their findings in the British Medical Journal, say that previous attempts to assess the incidence of wheezing illness may have underestimated it by as much

"At least two-thirds of children who develop wheezing by the age of 16 do so before attack in infancy.

ities in lung function are de-tectable before the onset of asthmatic symptoms. Some causal agent must therefore act very early in life, possibly before birth."

The researchers looked at a The researchers looses as a number of factors to see if these influenced risk of the illness, including maternal age, the number of other children was the number of other children was the number of the number of the children was the number of the number of the children was the number of the dren, birth weight, premature delivery and breast feeding, but found that there was no

connection.

Mothers suffering a haemorrhage during pregnancy, which can be caused by smoking, represented a risk, as did an abnormality of a protein called albumin. Smoking during pregnancy also consti-tuted a risk factor.

The doctors point out that asthma symptoms tend to die down in late teenage years. But in their study they found these problems could reappear later, with one quarter wheezing at the age of 33, al-though the majority of these had been free of attacks after

the age of 16.
"We believe that our study is unique in showing that. even after a disease-free inter-val of seven years, subjects with a history of wheezing illthey are five years old, and ness in childhood retained a many experience their first risk of later wheezing above that of their healthy peers, They continue: "Abnormal- | say the doctors.

## Scots keep flag flying

Forsyth hoist by his own protest | Gormley hung it out and Charles is a very nice as office is draped in EU colours

Vivek Chaudhary

F Michael Forsyth had had his way, few in Scotland would have noticed that yesterday was Europe Day.

That was until two supporters of the Scottish National Party decided to drape a European Union flag above the Scottish Secretary's con-

stituency office in Stirling.

The stunt was pulled by Charles Gormley, who lives above the office, and Dr Robert McIntyre, an elder states-

Mr Gormley's wife, Jean-ette, said her husband had come up with the idea during a conversation with Dr McIn-

the Stirling Conservative She added: "I'm not that keen on Europe myself. It's really just to upset Michael Forsyth. We've been trying to get up his nose for years but

tyre, who lives next door to

we don't usually seem to get Dr McIntyre, now retired from public life, was the last

'The Tories are not nice neighbours, although they've been more polite recently since they started to do so badly in the opinion polls."

Mr Forsyth, who is attending the Scottish Conservative conference, was not there to see the blue European flag supersede the Union Flag which usually flies above his constituency office.

His agent Simon Turner, however, failed to see the funny side of a valiant attempt to forge a bit of Euro-

pean unity. He said: "People above the Provost of the old Royal office are supporters of the Burgh of Stirling before its SNP and would surrender our



## **Groundsman caught off guard**

Vivek Chaudhary

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E LAMENTS a bygone era where cricketers arrived in suits, called the groundsman sir, and respected him "because he knew his ground. Women, Tony Pocock once

said during his reign as head groundsman at Fenners, Cambridge University's home ground, posed the biggest threat to the institution's cricketing pedigree.

The arrival of more women meant fewer men, which meant fewer gentlemen, and consequently the collapse of cricketing standards. Nothing, however, had pre-pared Mr Pocock for the arrival of the consultants.

Yesterday, cries of "Howzat!" gave way to claims of unfair dismissal as an industrial tribunal heard Mr Pocock allege that he was con-structively dismissed from his job two years ago by Cambridge University.

His professional capability. he said, had been "eroded and irreparably damaged" after outside consultants were brought in to do work for which Mr Pocock believed he should have been solely res-

The row surrounding one or Britain's most venerable cricket grounds, which has played host to some of the sport's greatest stars, began in 1994 when the university decided to lay a new square under the supervision of the Test and County Cricket



Tony Pocock . . . 'Professional standing was eroded'

ners at the age of 15, told the tribunal: "I was head groundsman at Fenners. I should have overseen the work My professional cabability was professional cabability was professional cabability was eroded and irreparably damaged."
The tribunal heard that

Mr Pocock, aged 48, who Andy Cosh, the cricket club joined the ground staff at Fen-representative at Cambridge representative at Cambridge University, only spoke to Mike Cawley and Harry Brind, the two TCCB consul-

the work. Mr Pocock said: "Dr Cosh did not want to know my

Brind and Mike Cawley. He did not take an interest in what I was saying." Mr Pocock, who once said that he remained single because 'Tm married to my job", said that in August 1994 he was offered a new position as head custodian of a set of artificial pitches by Tony Lemons, director of physical education at Cambridge

University. Under cross-examination he admitted that the post amounted to a promotion, but added: "I took it as a threat to my position at Fenners. He (Mr Lemons) gave me the impression he wanted the control of Fenners and to restruc-

ture my position.
"I found him arrogant and forceful, as if he was saying 'If you don't take the job, something will happen down the

pipeline'."
Mr Pocock said that since leaving his job, he had been receiving treatment for a

Amanda Lyne, representing the university, which is con-testing the allegations, sug-gested that Mr Pocock's nethod on relaying wickets in the past had been to dig out six inches of soil before filling them with loam.

she claimed, involved digging 12 inches of soil, relaying eight inches of base material followed by four inches of top

Mr Pocock replied: "I laid pitches to the best ability as The hearing continues.

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An Aga saga, however, it is not, and in case you are still in any doubt, by page 83 Trollope takes a swipe at the genre. Lyndsay is reading a novel about country life but "it was a wish-think world of bird-song and caricature villagers ..."

## Goya goes on sale as BR shunts its art to the market

Dan Glaister reports on the offloading of a pension fund's amassed treasures

announced yesterday with the news that its pension fund is to auction a work by the Spanish painter Francisco de Goya. The painting, Death Of A Picador, will have an estimated price of £1-1.5 million when it goes for auction at Sotheby's in

The painting is one of series of six bullfighting scenes painted in 1793, when Goya was recovering from a severe illness, probably tinni-tus. It marks a transitional period in Goya's career, as he moved from the court paint-ing he had carried out before his illness to the more fantastic and grotesque works for which he is chiefly known

It is also seen as one of the first times an artist was painting for his own pleasure, rather than to please a

As so many of Goya's small works have been sold abroad, Sotheby's expects Spanish collectors to make a strong bid to bring back the painting

to Spain. BR's pension fund invested £40 million of its reserves, 2.9 per cent of its assets, in fine art in the 1970s. The 2,400 works accumulated over seven years have been sold off since the late 1980s. Another Goya from the same series, Sorting The Bulls, sold last year for £1.8 million, double its reserve price.

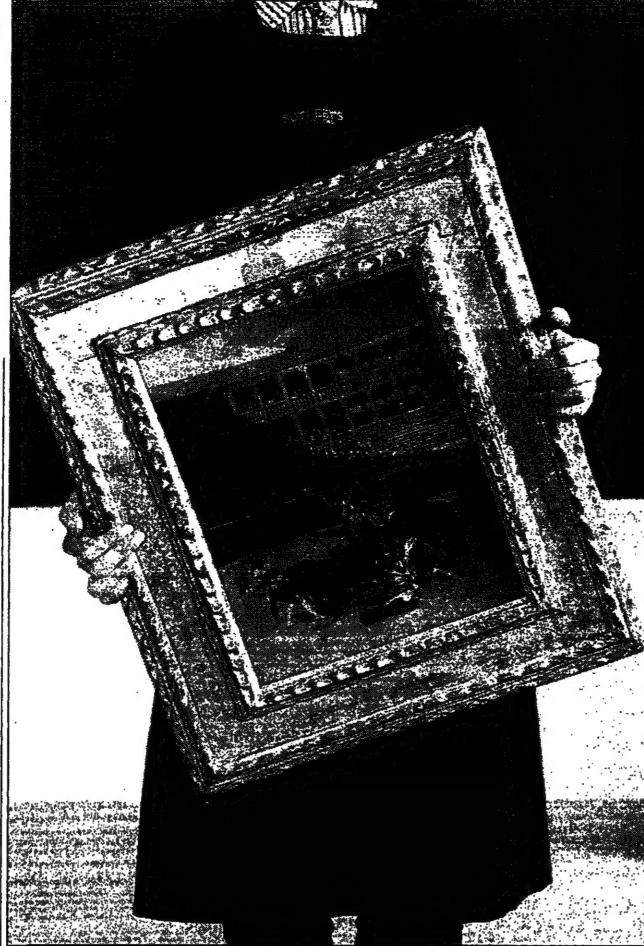
This latest sale means more than three-quarters of the holding will have been sold. Other works due to go on sale in three auctions in July include 23 Old Master paint-ings, mainly by 17th century Dutch and Flemish landscape Egyptian antiquities, and a probably at a peak.

BRITISH Rail sell-off | 12th century Limoges enamel with a difference was | casket. The three sales are expected to raise £10 million. Sotheby's, which advised

the pension fund on the original acquisitions and has handled the subsequent sales, hopes Death Of A Picador will do as well as last year's Goya.
"I hope the estimate is cau-tious," said Alexander Bell, Sotheby's head of Old Master paintings. "It's always difficult to know at this level. I hope that it does as well as the last one, which is not so obviously a Spanish painting. This is quintessential Goya because it is a bullfighting scene, that most dramatic mo ment when a picador is gored by a bull."

After some heady success with its sales of Impression-Renoir bought for £680,000 in 1976 was sold for £9.4 million in 1989, the fund's recent sales of Old Masters have shown what a precarious business investing in art can be. The last sale, in July 1995, proved a disappointment. It brought in £5.2 million, producing the equivalent of an annual rate of return of 0.73 per cent on the original investment. However, the previous sale, in De cember 1994, brought in £8.3 million from an investment of E620,000, an annual return of 5.02 per cent.

The worst area for the pension fund has been its sales of books and manuscripts. Old Masters, though, are good business at the moment. "We've found that the Old Masters market has strength ened in the last 18 months, said Mr Bell. With this year marking the 250th anniversary of Goya's birth, and a huge Goya retrospective at the Prado museum, Madrid, painters, Greek, Roman and the market for his work is



Goya's Death Of A Picador which will be auctioned in London at Sotheby's

## Carey attacks 'prison works' policies

Archbishop issues blunt jails warning to Home Secretary

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

HE Archbishop of Canterbury last night launched a devastat-Ing critique of the principles behind Michael Howard's "prison works" pol-icy — and bluntly warned the Home Secretary: "If you treat people like animals, they will

a similar speech a year ago the language and tone of last night's sharp attack on Mr Howard's policy was far more

direct and urgent.
In the Prison Reform Trust annual lecture last night, Dr Carey followed the conven-tion of not naming the Home Secretary, but placed Mr Howard squarely in his sights when he warned that "pres-ent penal policy" was "weighted too beavily in

He praised recent striking improvements, including a marked reduction in smelly, insanitary and overcrowded conditions, but warned that what had been gained in the past two years was endangered by current penal policy.

He even went on to attack the language used by Home Office ministers in talking about crime: "The climate should be one where we love the sinner while hating and ent penal policy" was rejecting the sin. The climate "weighted too heavily in should be one where we rise favour of imprisonment to the above the attitudes and vo-Although George Carey, a favour of imprisonment to the above the attitudes and vo-former prison chaplain, made detriment of those forms of cabulary of revenge, war or from custody and people com-

correction which, I firmly be- punishment for its own sake, mitted new offences while on lieve, offer more hope in the and speak instead the lan- temporary release, "but it guage of justice dominated by the aim of restoring broken

relationships."
The archbishop said the Prison Service faced a formi-dable triple challenge of a sharply rising prison popula-tion; a 13 per cent cut in costs over the next three years; and a new, intensified focus on security. "Any one of these challenges might be easier to absorb without the other two. The combination of all three

is causing widespread It was outrageous that dan-gerous prisoners escaped

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temporary release, "but it does not follow that these con-cerns should dominate the overall climate in which the

criminal justice system is working," he said. He said the financial cuts, rising numbers and new secu-rity regimes tended to focus attention on the "impersonal fundamentals of the prison regime rather than the resto-ration of relationships which is the long-term purpose of the criminal justice system".

numbers held on remand: the appalling burden on families" of most young offenders being held 100 miles from home; and damage to family relationships from the "con-siderable curtailment of home

leave and temporary release" Protecting the public from violent prisoners, satisfying the demands of deterrence and the repudiation of crime were all valid purposes of im-prisonment, he said, but "one wonders how the protection Dr Carey went on to make detailed criticisms of changes in the prison system, including "tragic and bad" cuts to the education budget; the prison system today".

## Virtual pets live virtual lives to the full

**Jack Schofield on** life on the Internet

RTIFICIAL life will A reach new heights in September when computer owners will not only be able to play with "vir-tual pets", they will be able to "breed" them as well.

Since "breeding" works as in real life, only with digital DNA, no one knows what might ultimately result. Stephen Grand, senior programmer on the project, admits: "We've no idea what we've started."

The "pets", furry, car-toon-like "virtual creatures" called norns, are said to be no harder to care for than hamsters, but cost nothing to feed and don't make a mess or smell.

They will be distributed on floppy disk as "virtual eggs" for users to hatch and feed.



Norn, the 'virtual pet', which its creators claim is capable of 'breeding'

and can even learn simple | be able to exchange eggs or words. After six to 10 hours send creatures to one anof computer time they other over the Internet. "If of computer time they reach adolescence and become interested in the op-posite sex — which should result in the female produc-ing an egg. But there's nothing salacious about their breeding. "They just kiss for a bit longer," says Mr Grand. "We have the Americans to consider."

The norns can also get drunk, or sick. They exhibit a range of groans and cries, shake or sneeze, and perhaps die. Toby Simpson — one of Mr Grand's colleagues at Millennium, the British firm developing the program — says: "If they're really ill, there's no reason

why you shouldn't send them to us to look at, per-haps for a small fee."

you are going away you'll be able to send them on holiday," he says. The drawback is that other people "invariably teach them to swear".

Although "virtual pets" have a long history -Mindscape's Dogz is just the latest in a series that goes back through Activision's Little Computer

No veterinary bills

No pooper scooper sc People to abstract things called "cellular automata"

No need for air Millennium's creatures are far more complex than □ No disappearance anything attempted before. They have a complete but simplified biochemistry. and you can even examine their brains to see neural patterns developing. This is of great interest to com-□ No bereaved □ No chewed slippers No bones under the Norns are said to respond

Mr Simpson says people puter scientists trying to tolkeine slanned or fickled who use the program will develop thinking machines.

## for boy's death Duncan Campbell Crime Correspondent

**Abductor sorry** 

dering nine-year-old Daniel Handley told the boy he was "sorry" as he helped to strangle him, a court heard yesterday. Jurors were shown a video of the man describing how he and a friend had abducted, sexually abused, killed and buried the

boy.
Video recordings of Brett
Tyler, aged 30, being interviewed by police in the Philippines and in England last year were shown at his trial at the Old Bailey. Tyler is pleading not guilty to murder. After Tyler had described on the video what had been done to the boy, some jury mem-bers became distressed and the court was adjourned

He said they took Daniel to a minicab office in south Lonasked if he could get dressed and go home. He was taken to the car and the three of them

briefly. In the first recording, Tyler told two detectives how he and his friend, Timothy Morss, aged 33, took the boy from a street in Beckton, east London, after they had been driving around looking for boys, as they regularly did. He said usually the hunt

came to nothing. On this occa-sion, they had followed Dan-iel and pulled him into their

don and told him what they were going to do. Tyler said he had filmed Morss buggering the boy and then buggered him himself. After the assaults, Daniel

drove towards Bristol.

Tyler explained in the video
Daniel had fallen asleep in
the car. Near Bristol they
turned into a side road. "Tim said 'You know we have to do this?' and I said 'Yes'," said Tyler. "I got into the back with Daniel. He woke up slightly and just asked if we were home yet. I said 'Not yet'." Morss had tied a rope round Daniel's neck with the knot at the throat, he said, and then told Tyler to pull one end of it.

"I said I couldn't. He said I'd got to, so I started pulling it. I kept telling him I was sorry until he was dead."

They drove to a golf course where they buried Daniel, returning later to make the hole deeper. Both men fled to the Philip-

pines but, after a week, he said he could not stand to be near Morss who had then left. He had been told by tele-phone that Morss had been arrested in England and had tried to kill himself by taking largactyl. He had also slashed his wrists and his elbow and tried to hang himself, he said during his recorded interviews.

Tyler later retracted his confession and denied mur-der but is pleading guilty to buggery and false imprison-ment. Morss has admitted murdering Daniel on October 2, 1994, buggery and false imprisonme

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## Bullet surgery for girl in doubt

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N AFRICAN girl aged five, who was flown to Britain yesterday for an operation to remove a bullet lodged in her brain, will have to wait until at least the middle of next week to learn whether the procedure is fea-sible, doctors said.

Tenneh Cole, an orphan from Sierra Leone, was hit by a rifle bullet 16 months ago in fighting near her home.

The bullet is trapped be hind her right eye. She is thought to be almost totally

deaf and has lost much of her She was brought to this country by the charity Hope and Homes for Children, set up by former colonel Mark

Doctors at the Norfolk and Norwich hospital offered to

remove the bullet free of charge, if it could be done. However, tests and scans to assess Tenneh's general health and the exact position of the bullet will not be carried out until the weekend.

Richard Beach, director of paediatric care at the hospital, said she would be assessed by an eye consultant, an ear, nose and throat con-sultant, a facial specialist and a neurologist.
"On Friday and over the

weekend we will do detailed scans, and then probably in the middle of next week hold a meeting of the key special-ists to decide what to do," Dr

We will have to strike a balance between leaving the bullet there, and trying to assess how much trouble it will cause if we do that, as against the risk of removing it, when everything has healed over the past 16 months.

"It could be that we would make things worse rather than better by attempting to

Facial surgeon Geoffrey Cheney said it was unusual for people to live normally with pieces of debris lodged

in their heads.

If was a problem many soldiers had faced, he said, but often people lived quite normai lives without ever having the debris removed.

capital of Sierra Leone, who examined Tenneh said she would die if the bullet was not



## Voters blame ministers for beef crisis

parents of small children

were especially critical of the Government only 14 per cent

blamed Europe, with 51 per cent pointing the finger at the

The poll was not unmiti-

gated bad news for the Gov

ernment. The good news for them wasthat only a fifth of

the population thought it had

not responded decisively enough to the crisis. The mea-

sures it had taken to deal

with the slump in confidence were either endorsed or

regarded as excessive by a

large majority of the elector-ate. Asked for their views of

Tory supporters a minority in directing anger at Europe

ORE than a month after the start of the beaf crisis, the Government has failed to persuade the voters — as distinct from its own backbenchers that the principal blame lies with the Europeans. Instead, a Guardian/ICM poll today finds that three out of five voters blame either the farmers or the Government for the

continuing beef problem.

The poll, taken last weekd, showed most people laid the blame for the crisis at the Government's feet, Asked who was most to blame, 45 per cent said the Government, with only 18 per cent nomi-nating the Europeans, Seventeen per cent blamed the farmers for the crisis, while one in five voters did not

Conservative voters fol-lowed the Government in concentrating their wrath on Europe, with 35 per cent blaming the European Union, per cent their own Government

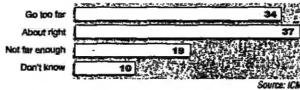
But the poll as a whole showed that the Government | thought they went too far.

## The beef crisis

Who do you blame most for the beef crisis? (%) was in serious danger of talk-ing only to its own supporters about the beef crisis. Tory voters were out of step with all other age, gender, class, regional and political support groups in the poll, all of whom put most of the blame Voters aged between 25 and 34, many of them presumably

ment has banned certain parts of cattle from human

consumption and is about to start culling cattle over 30 months old. To restore public confidence in beef products do you think these proposals go too far, not far enough or are they about right? (%)



knows. Nearly twice as many Labour as Conservative voters — 24 per cent as against 13 per cent — believed that the the government package, only 19 per cent said the measures did not go far enough. The package of measures did not go far enough. But even among Labour voters the tween the 37 per cent who thought they were about right and the 34 per cent who ity of the Government, people ity of the Government, people the results weight seem disposed to blame it for profile of all adults.

Ten per cent were don't | the crisis, even though there was also general acceptance across the spectrum that there was no need to go much further with confidence-

 ICM interviewed a random telephone sample of 1,200 tween May 3-5. Interviews were across the country and the results weighted to the

#### PM undermines Forsyth appeal to 'sacred duty'

## Tory confusion on **Scots home rule**

Erlend Clouston

HE Conservatives yesterday renewed their insistence that Labour should hold a referendum on Scottish devo-lution, while their own plans for an Edinburgh parliament were swathed in confusion. On the opening day of the Tories' Scottish conference in Aberdeen, Scottish Secretary Michael Forsyth told representatives they had a "sacred duty" to save Scotland from Labour's plans for a tax-raising legislature. His appeal was part of an

emotional attempt to rein-force the Caledonian credentials of the northern wing of the party, which opponents deride as an appendage to its English operation. Citing high Tories Sir Wal-

ter Scott, novelist John Buchan and the 17th century Marquis of Montrose, he said sons in Scottish patriotism from parties which have just rrived on the scene". The demand that Labour

put its devolution plans be-fore the Scottish electorate came during an attack on pro-posals which, Mr Forsyth said, would "destroy the United Kingdom and threaten

Michael Forsyth . . . said plans would 'destroy the UK'

to put it to a referendum? His comments echoed a similar demand from Sir Michael Hirst, chairman of a Scottish party which lags well behind Labour and Scottish National ists in the polls.

However, their protests were overshadowed by an ap-parent attempt by the Prime Minister to water down Mr Forsyth's warning last week that a parliament, once in place, could not be disestab-lished. "You can't make an Scotland's vital services".

Appearing under the slogan
Fighting For Scotland, he omlette and then unscramble and the "silly E blies", as Mr I blies", as Mr I blies", as Mr I blies we started them yesterday.

Aberdeen tomorrow, refused to be as categoric in a radio interview yesterday, saying only: "Parliament passes leg-islation; Parliament will have to decide whether it will undo it". He was cautiously backed by Sir Michael, who told a press conference that there would always be opposition to the principle of "driving a wedge into the United

The Conservatives' com-plaint reflects a growing sen-timent north of the border, shared by at least two Labour MPs, that it would be unsafe to read the result of a general election as an endorsemen for major constitutional

upheava An ICM poll in yesterday's Scotsman newspaper showed that 58 per cent of Scots, and a majority of every party's sup-porters, favour a referendum.

This conjures up the nightmare, for devolution support-ers, of a re-run of the 1979 ballot which saw a narrow "yes" majority defeated because of the pre-condition that 40 per cent of the electorate should

support home rule.
Mindful of this, Labour has ruled out a second referen-dum on Scottish home rule, but has indicated it will hold them on voting reform, a single European currency and the "silly English assem-blies", as Mr Forsyth called

## Blair faces PR dilemma

volution, with a hard core of

then a backbencher, led the

successful campaign against a

Even within the pro-assem

having full legislative and

tax-raising powers — like the planned Scottish assembly —

But the key question remains PR and the role it

Weish assembly.

Labour leader seeks to tackle party splits on Welsh devolution

■ONY Blair will today seek to smooth over deep divisions within has long been divided over de-MPs and activists as fundathe Labour movement in Wales over the shape of the devolution package which mentally opposed to it as they were when Neil Kinnock, would be implemented by a Blair-led government and the controversial role within it of proportional representation.
When Tony Blair addresses bly camp there are divisions between those who favour it

his party's annual Welsh conference in Swansea he will praise the devolution docu-ment, Preparing for a New Wells, Preparing for a New this week amid complaints from activists and the Liberal

Vanessa's just insured

cal pluralism would be pro-tected from domination by the entrenched city-based Labour machine. PR has been fiercely Unlike the debate in Scotresisted by the so-called land where a cross-party con-sensus has evolved, the Labour hierarchy in Wales

"Tafia" — to the particular dismay of Liberal Democrats. Some modernising Labour MPs believe Mr Blair would privately like to see a devolutionary convergence, whereby the Scots drop their tax-raising powers, on which John Major is scoring points, and the Welsh drop their opposition to a form of PR. Both have been promised legislation in the first year of

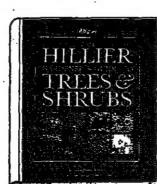
a Blair government. In prac-tice, if Mr Blair needs Lib Dem votes to carry his bills, he will have to concede PR over the re-

opposition.
MPs predict that today he

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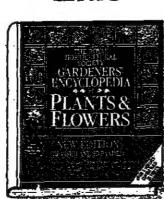
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## Yeltsin the winner on Victory Day

The president does his election | many mistakes when two years ago he allowed his demprospects no harm by playing the father of the nation, writes David Hearst in Volgograd

Hall of the Eternal Flame on Victory Day writing a long message to the 34,500 sol-diers who fell in 1942 on that

A small girl in pigtails was wriggling in the arms of her mother, both pinned into place by the security guards surrounding the president. The 65-year-old grandfather

stopped writing and took the little girl on to his lap. She sat still in the arms of her presi-dent as his pen laboured un-evenly over the page.

Here were age and youth jointly signing their debt of gratitude to the million Suviet soldiers who fell in the Battle of Stalingrad.

The television picture was beamed live around the Russian Federation. This was Mr Yeltsin in his

greatest role, as father of the Of all the politicians who tried to recapture the moral high ground on this grassy windblown hillock overlook-ing Volgograd (formerly Stalingrad). Mr Yeltsin had

come and he had conquered. Earlier in the day the former president Mikhail Gorbachev, and his wife. Raisa, had come to the hillock, on which a 150ft statue of Mother Russia motions the army for ward with her sword. She points westwards.

But the Gorbachevs stand accused of letting the West in. Yesterday the hapless couple had a hard time, bumping into Viktor Anpilov of Working Russia. a man who still believes in the dictatorship of the proletariat. His Stalinists nearly burst

into parliament at the last Mr Anpilov said: "I said. 'Sergei Mikhailovic, it's me, Applloy. You are a traitor. You betrayed your party, your state, and the flag which gave you such enormous ex-

"I then offered Raisa my flowers and she said she

T WAS a solemn moment. | wouldn't take them from a Boris Yeltsin was in the | man like me."

Having ruined the Gorbachevs' day. Mr Anpilov couldn't wait to bump into Mr

Mr Yeltsin's war record was? He was going to tell us As a boy, aged 12, Mr Yelt-sin had stolen a grenade from

Yeltsin.
Did the world know what

a pioneer depot and blown off two of his fingers with it, he Mr Anpilov concluded: "So today is the day of the struggle for the past. Who wins the past will have the

Boris Yeltsin arrived deter-mined to make up for his

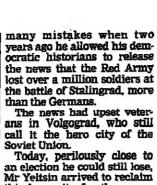
#### Helping hand from Yavlinksy

PRESIDENT Boris Yelt-sin's hopes of uniting "democratic" forces behind him in Russia's presiden-tial election rose yesterday after Grigory Yavlinsky, a liberal rival, signalled be was ready to compromise.

hours on Sunday, and on Wednesday Mr Yavlinsky held out a lifeline for the president, saying he wanted more talks on formng an alliance to fight the Communist Gennady Zyu-ganov in the June 16 poll. Although Mr Yavlinsky set tough conditions which be accepted might be hard

to meet, his move was a boost for the president. 'The issue we are going to discuss would be a first in Russian history — a po-litical coalition between

the government and democratic opposition," Mr Yav-linsky told the BBC. He said Mr Yeltsin müst make personnel changes, which he did not spell out, to end the war in Chechenia and make economic policy changes. — Reuter.



this hero city for the young democracy of the Russian state. First stop on his pilgrimage was the Alley of Heroes, where an enormous crowd

surrounded his armoured car.
They were good-humoured, ordinary people who instantly destroyed the security arrangements and the neat

line of Yeltsin supporters who had been carefully selected in advance. Mr Yeltsin was besieged by complaints. The first that anyone could see of him was an advancing large black loudspeaker relay-ing the disembodied speech of

the president.
"You are a doctor," said the familiar voice, "and you get how many roubles? That's little, very little."

A few yards further on and the ruddy face and shock of silver hair loomed into view. The president soon collided with the first demand.

A group of students needed library. Mr Yelstin turned to his squirming regional gov-ernor and said: "You give half and I'll give half. Right?"

A few steps further on and a group of Afghanistan veterans said they needed flats. Mr Yeltsin instantly replied: "You set up a co-operative. I will free your co-operative of your duty to pay taxes and the money you save you can build your house with. Agreed? Right, we've solved that one, and I'll give your region 10 billion roubles." Just like that. The Tommy Cooper president of the Rus

spent more than £1.3 million in 10 yards. All he could hope for as he left Volgograd last night in his presidential boat, gliding down the Volga, was that the International Monetary Fund

sian Federation had just



Yesterday's hero . . . Yeltsin hears a second world war veteran reminisce in Volgograd vesterday, the 51st anniversary of victory over Nazi forces

## Gene tests stir fears of health insurance bar

MERICANS could lose their jobs, their health care, even the right to have a family — simply be-cause of their genes.

A coalition of doctors, law-yers and ordinary citizens is mounting a national campaign against what they claim is the ultimate form of discrimination: gene-ism.

The activists fear new tests which reveal a genetic predis-position towards a variety of diseases are being used against the people who take them. Scientists have already developed tests for early Alz-heimer's disease, cystic fibrosis and a range of cancers.

According to the Council for Responsible Ethics, employers and health insurers frequently discriminate even against healthy people who test positive.

In one case revealed in study by the council, a social worker was fired when her bosses discovered someone in her family had Huntington's disease, which slowly cor-rodes motor co-ordination and mental function. When an air force man's test revealed a 50 per cent chance of his suffering from the same disease, the service refused to

in the absence of a national health service, Americans rely on private insurance health companies. If they re-fuse coverage, or charge pro-hibitive premiums because a client is deemed a high risk that client can be denied all but emergency medical care. Activists are particularly

concerned about genetic tests being used to declare a whole family, including unborn generations, too risky to insure.
. The insurance companies in-

sist they have every right to investigate a potential customer's DNA, just as they check whether they smoke or drive a motorcycle without a helmet.

"We need to be careful that we don't protect a certain class of secrecy just because it may have something to do with genetics," said David Lack, of the Council for Affordable Health Insurance, the main industry lobby.

Gene ism at work has also stirred alarm. 'Do you really want your employer to make the decision about whether you can enter an executive training programme based on the results of an Alzheimer's test and the likelihood that you could suffer from dementia in your thirties or for-ties?" asked Dr Paul Billings of Stanford University.

Last month two US marines faced a court martial in Hawali after they refused to submit blood intended for a "gen-etic dog-tag" — a sample of DNA to identify their remains if they were killed in action. The men argued that the information could be used to deny them promotions. They lost their case, but the Pentagon has now promised such information will only be used for identification and will be destroyed when people leave the service. Dr Billings also pointed out

that unless full data protec-tion and medical privacy is applied to genetic informa-tion, other institutions could discriminate according to genes. Eleven states have passed legislation banning genetic discrimination, more than a dozen others are debating similar measures, and a federal health care reform bill before Congress includes a measure to prevent hig health

is spurned by Julie Andrews

The sound of flapping as Tony

ian Katz in New York

WHO says melodrama is dead? Certainly not Julie Andrews. The star of Mary Poppins and the

New York's thespians have been in a flap over the Tony Awards, Broadway's answer to the Oscars, ever answer to the Oscars, ever since Monday when it emerged that the 14-mem-ber panel of judges had overlooked two of the year's glitzlest and most successful musicals, Victor/Victoria and Big.

Although Ms Andrews, aged 60, was shortlisted in the best actress in a musiaged 60, was shortlisted in the best actress in a musical category and was tipped the box office.

to win, the £6 million stage version of the 1982 film, directed by her husband, Blake Edwards, failed to earn a nomination in any other category.

"It's unfortunate," request. The phoney war over the Tony nominations has overshadowed the real story of Broadway's remarkable renaissance. This year producers are toasting a slew of success-ful new shows and the return of theatre-goers to 42nd Street. The Victor/-Victoria spat, as more than one Broadway cynic has

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## GIS lose novelty value in Hungary

**Nick Thorpe** in Taszar sees the effect of the peace deal in Bosnia

HE women buying Mernye, near Kaposvar in southern Hungary, do not turn round as four heavy equipment transporters rumble by, loaded with armoured infantry vehicles, bound for Bosnia. They are no longer a novelty, just a tolerated fact of life.

Hungary may not yet be in Nato, but the organisation — in the form of the American war machine — is firmly ensconced in Hungary. The 141 days the US army has spent so far in Hungary, launching 17,000 troops and vast quantities of equipment into Bosnia. has done much to convince Nato leaders that Hunga ry's application to join the alliance will be agreed in

December.
"When we first got here. everyone was out on the streets, watching us drive by, waving — even the adults," said Sergeant Allan Hauge, from Iowa, a driver of one of the transporters, as he prepared another convoy on the mar-shalling airfield at the main base at Taszar. "Now

only the children wave." He is in no doubt that the base is a test case. "We brought all this equipment, and we're showing it to them to say, hey, look at all the stuff you can get — all these tanks, all these trucks — if you join Nato."

To one side of the run-way, 20 MiG fighters of the Hungarian air force envi-

army at work. The near disastrous crash of an Hungarian MiG at another airfield earlier this week was blamed on financial cut-backs in flying time for Hungarian pilots to three hours per month. Elsewhere on the airfield, C-12s of the military intelligence summer dresses at a battalion prepare for more stall in the village of reconnaissance missions skyward.

There are also tell-tale signs that the base, already housing 4,000 US servicemen, is here to stay. Tents are replaced by wooden

Hungarian beer has appeared on draft beside the Budweiser in the rest area, and the troops are being allowed out for the first time into the nearby towns — in groups of 10 or more. The soldiers too are sure the work will not be finished in Bosnia by the December 20 deadline.
The non-uniformed

Americans attached to the operation have a much easier time than the soldiers cooped up on the base. Matt Stevens, a systems analyst making maps of Bosnia, walks hand in hand along a main street of Kaposvar with his Hungarian girl-friend, Piroska Keri. "I think we're going to be here for a long time," he said. "Down in Bosnia things aren't really getting any better ... we're not packing up and getting ready to go home, by any imagination."

The only note of dissent comes from some middleaged attendants at the steam baths. For them, the Americans are just the latest wave of suspicious for-eigners. 'Like more refined ously eye the American Russians," one suggests.

## Casual jailing of two Zapatistas "It's unfortunate," a Tony spokesman said of Ms Andrews decision to without a spin by rejecting a prestigious award nominated." This is cast of her Broadway show, only the third time in the cast of her Broadway show, only the third time in the cast of her Broadway show. Phil Gunson reports on the Mexican terrorist conspiracy" by the EZLN.

crackdown on political dissent and the implications for peace talks

AVIER Elorriaga was dressed in shorts and trainers, ready for his afternoon game of football, when the judge's secretary called to see him last week at Cerro Hueco jail in Chiapas.

When I saw his face I thought, 'It's all over'," Mr over Bosnia as a huge Elorriaga said. The secretary transport plane roars told the imprisoned historian. television journalist and alleged Zapatista comandante that he had been sentenced to 13 years for "terrorism, con-

spiracy and rebellion".
"Oh, and tell Entzin it's six ears for him," he added.In this off-hand manner - one more in a string of irregularities that have accompanied the case — Mr Elorriaga and his fellow prisoner, a 19-year-old Tzeltal Indian, Sebastián Entzin, learned that they had become the first Mexicans in modern times to be sentenced

The judge's decision, reached independently and

without political pressure according to the government, was a bombshell for the delicate and protracted peace ne-gotiations with the Zapatista

(EZLN) guerrillas. regard as a deliberate

began in January 1994.
Mr Elorriaga and Mr Entzin were among a score of al-

EZLN military leader "Sub-comandante Marcos" announced that the guerrilla leadership was considering pulling out of the talks in protest at what the Zapatistas

provocation. tor, Heberto Castillo, resigned from the parliamentary meditate commission, Cocopa, was not indigenous or from the but a bunch of white A veteran opposition senawhile angry protest demon-strations broke out in Mexico City and in Chiapas state. where the Zapatista rebellion

leged Zapatistas arrested last February, when the Mexican president, Ernesto Zedillo, anpresident, Ernesto Zedilio, announced on television the discovery of a "nationwide after courts ruled that her

At the time, his interior

minister, Esteban Moctezuma, was engaged in exploratory talks with the guerrillas — a process in which Mr Elorriaga had been acting as messenger between the two The minister knew nothing

of his go-between's alleged

terrorist conspiracy, or of the president's decision to send the army into the guerrilla zone, until he saw the speech on television. A few months later he was forced to resign.
"Our arrest was in the context of a counter-insurgency operation," said Mr Elorriaga from his jail cell on Wednes-Chiapas, but a bunch of white intellectuals with links to rad-

ical groups." Mr Elorriaga's wife, Maria Gloria Benavides, who was also arrested, belonged in the 1970s to the National Liberation Force (FLN), which the government says was the pre"confession" had been signed under duress while she was blindfolded. The judge in her husband's case, however, cited it as key evidence. The only significant witness against Mr Elorriaga

and Mr Entzin, a shadowy figure called Salvador Morales never appeared before the judge to ratify his testimony, and his whereabouts are "The important thing, nevertheless," said a political commentator, Sergio Sarmiento, "is that Morales

never stated that Elorriaga had taken part in acts of terrorism or rebellion." President Zedillo, in an interview earlier this year, was unrepentant. Asked whether he was concerned at the fact that many of the prisoners, though not Mr Elorriaga, had been severely tortured, the president said he was "very proud" that no federal soldier or policeman had been necessariated of "irregularities" accused of "irregularities".

However, the official human rights commission has suggested the federales

have been guilty of torture. The defence has lodged an

## Clinton denies Whitewater claims to jurors | When Norway

prosecutors' star witness, President Bill Clinton swore in videotaped testimony yes-terday that he neither bor-rowed money from his partners' failing savings and loan company nor asked anyone else to borrow for him. "I never borrowed any money from Madison Guar-anty," the president said in

Blast wounds

Hizbullah guerrillas set off a

roadside bomb near a patrol

of pro-Israeli militiamen in

south Lebanon yesterday,

Israeli security sources

Flight 'failed'

said. — Reuter.

wounding two of them, pro-

two Israelis

The jurors watched the president's image on a large television screen and heard testimony he gave 11 days

Mr Clinton disputed the testimony of the chief prosecu-tion witness, David Hale, who contends the president pressurised him to make an illegal koan in 1986. "I did not put

STAKING the weight of his the trial of his former any pressure on David Hale," Mr Clinton said. "Any suggestion that I tried to get any more deart's image on a least money from him or that I tried to put pressure on him

is simply not true."

Mr Clinton also testified that he never asked anyone to borrow money on his behalf. The president has not been charged with wrongdoing but was subpoensed as a defence

#### China executions Nineteen criminals were exe-

terday, the semi-official China News Service reported. Nearly 2,000 people attended mass rallies in Guangzhou and Panyu to announce the death sentences for crimes ranging for armed robbery to murder. — Reuter.

Ownerless assets left in Swiss banks by Holocaust victims will be donated to eastern European Jews if legal heirs cannot be found, Switzerland's most prominent Jewish banker has told a business weekly. — Reuter.

## **hunted Reds**

NORWAY'S Labour gov-ernment used illegal means to keep tabs on politi-cal opponents and dissidents, a judicial commission said this week, writes Simon Townley in Bergen. The report shows trade

unions, newspapers, political parties and protest groups were targeted in an operation which lasted from 1945 until the late 1980s.

Organisations spied on by the police included women's rights groups, anti-pornography campaigners and anti-nu-clear protesters. Groups formed to support the Palestinians or Irish unity, oppose racism or Nor-

way's entry into the Euro

pean Union were all bugged. Even the Oslo film club was kept under surveillance. The man being held up as the main culprit is Haakon Lie, the Labour Party secre tary from 1945 to 1969. He has defended the anti-communist operation which, he says, has een vindicated by history. The surveillance operations

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Queer ... Yours faithfully,

An American, Richard Byrd, hailed 70 years ago as the first person to fly over the North Three gunmen, thought to be Pole, actually flew short of his goal and knew it, says a researcher of his recently dis-Muslim guerrillas, burst into a town hall in Algiers and shot dead the district mayor covered flight diary. Dennis Rawlins said the book shows and another city official, the Byrd and his pilot were conberté said. -- Reuter.

cerned about an engine leak and turned around about 150 miles from the Pole. — AP. **Hutus 'kill six'** Burundi's Tutsi-dominated

army accused Hutu rebels yesterday of killing six of their own tribe and wounding an unknown number in an attack on a Hutu refugee camp in Bujumbura overnight. — Reuter. Mayor shot dead

cuted in southern China yes-

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ended before the present administration came to power.

## **Patient Ugandans** go to the polls

Voters pass verdict on 10 years of President Museveni, writes

Chris McGreal in Nakaseke Chris McGreal in Nakaseke

they required any reminder of what was at stake. The or what was at stake. The crumbling ruins of once pre-cious homes were still dotted among reconstructed houses. A mass grave lay nearby. And behind the shuffling line of voters stood the village's administration of the state of the state. ministrative offices, its win-dows shattered from a war which ended a decade ago.

But for most of those voting in Nakaseke yesterday in Uganda's first presidential elections since 1980, the painful reminders of why they were there were carried in their hearts.

Doesn to the band. There is no fear. Now we are civilised I think."

There have been charges of electoral malpractice. The principal opposition candidate, Paul Ssemogerere, accused the president of de-

happened but we have come home since [President Yoweri] Museveni took over," said Edward Mwante, who described himself as a peasant. We've stayed in our villages so peacefully. We are voting carefully so we shall not get any more problems."

President Museveni was seeking election for the first time since he seized power 10 years ago after a bloody civil war put an end to some of the most brutal regimes Africa

Mr Museveni's supporters see the election as confirming the legitimacy of a government that has transformed Uganda, bringing it relative

Nakaseke's voters have portrayed the vote as an opportunity to depose a man they say is on the fast track to dictatorship. People waited peacefully to vote, often undeterred by rain. Some described voting as a duty. Others talked of it with a votionant.

as a duty. Others talked of it with excitement.
"It's very different this time," Mr Mwante said. "We don't have any soldiers. We don't have any police with guns. Look, that policeman doesn't even have a stick in his hand. There is no form

accused the president of de-ploying the army to intimi-date opposition supporters and raised old spectres with warnings of violence if he lost. But hardly a soldier was

to be seen yesterday.

Among the charges from
Mr Museveni's camp was an accusation that its opponent has printed false banknotes to bribe voters. Mr Ssemogerere dismissed this, "How can an old man like me with children and grandchildren fake notes? I would have done that a long time ago when I was a youth. But now, impossible,

Nakasake sits within the Lowero triangle which suffered brutally as the long, things as they are. No change murderous years of Milton is better."

cesses grew, Mr Museveni's victory was

liberation for most, and the relative peace and prosperity he has brought have left people like Charles Ssalongo Lugemusa — a poultry farmer whose family was murdered

- wondering why anybody
would vote for anyone else.
"There were so many who
died. It brings tears to my
eyes just telling you about it," he said. "When I compare things now, I've been blessed

to put up some businesses and so my opinion is that we should continue with Mr Museveni. If we don't vote care-fully it could happen again." Voting carefully is a euphemism among Mr Museveni's supporters for backing his call for no change.

The president's opponents say the elections were less

than democratic because party political campaigning was banned. Candidates theo retically ran as individuals.
But Mr Museveni struck a
nerve with his warnings that
party politics could cost Uganda all it has achieved.

"We have had these parties and they are dangerous," said a teacher, Banoonya Kigozi. "They bring about divisions. You can chat about politics to a member of your family but once you join a party and someone else joins a different party, it means you are enemies. That is the implication. So I think we should keep



A Tamil couple return to their home in Jaffna, from which they fled during an army offensive against Tamil rebels in Decer

## Eerie calm descends on war-ravaged Jaffna

Flora Botsford in Jaffna

EACE has returned to the streets of Jaffina following the carnage of Sri Lanka's civil war, but they look unnaturally quiet for an Asian town.

"Where are all the people?" The government's

Brigadier Sarath Muna-singhe, laughed. "They're in their homes," he said. "I piled with furniture and don't know what you do in your country, but we like to stay indoors during the

day."
With the strong sunshine beating down, he might be right. But of the official figure of 250,000 recently ure of 250,000 recently returned people — after two successful military offensives flushed out the Tamil Tigers — only a few thousand were visible, most of them in a long queue for food. "We've been here nine hours," a Tamil woman said. "We came vesterday too. but came yesterday too, but they didn't have any rice,

only flour and sugar."
Shops were closed and there was little traffic. A curfew imposed under the government's emergency laws came into force at 60m, but this was mid-afternoon.

suitcases. Why had they come back to what is effectively a military occupa-tion until a civil administration can be put in its

place? "The Tamil Tigers wanted us to go with them, to their jungle bases on the mainland, before the sol-diers came. But we couldn't do that. I'm a poor farmer but I've got some land near Jaffna. I don't mind whether I live under army or Tamil Tiger control. I just want to cultivate the land and rebuild our lives."

than loyalty to either side and the people are more than anything weary of being caught in a tug of war between the government and the Tigers. Those that had come back displayed a

A family was travelling white flag in front of their | They had nothing to do along the main road from homes. "We're not inter- with the LTTE [Liberation Jaffna, their bullock cart ested in a Tamil homeland | Tigers of Tamil Elam]. But like that," snother man said. "If the army can provide everything we need, we can live happily with

All traces of the Tamil Tigers' former administra-tion were gone. The wooden placards, gaily painted with slogans and rebel gun-men proudly silhouetted against rainbow skies, had been shot to pieces. A bored government soldier on street patrol had been exer-cising his rifle on a two-di-mensional enemy. The real Tamil Tigers had fled be-fore the troops arrived to take the town last It seems the urge to return home is stronger

> Perhaps not all: two women said their relatives had been arrested by the security forces as suspected gain real control of the Tigers. "My two sons have been captured by the army. mands will have to be met. curity forces as suspected Tigers. "My two sons have

now I don't know where they've gone to," one said. "I've got a letter asking

for my son's release," the other said. "But every time I go to the police station they make some excuse and I have to go away again." The government says that

if rebels have infiltrated the civilian population they will be treated fairly, provided certain conditions are met. "One, give up the gun; two, change their atgui; two, change psychologically and join the main-stream. That's all we're asking," Brig Munasinghe said. But in a place held by the Tigers for six years it would be unusual for any family to be entirely free of separatist sympathisers;

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## De Klerk takes a risk in opposition

South Africa faces the danger of increased racial polarisation, writes **David Beresford** 

HE National Party's de-cision to withdraw from South Africa's coalition government marks the begin-ning of a new political dispen-sation. But there are few clues as to how well that dis-pensation will work, if it

works at all.
The Nationalists' move has a logic which gives the lie to any talk of crists. From the time they collected their joint Nobel peace prize, F.W. de Klerk and Nelson Mandela have been the oddest of odd couples, locked in a marriage of convenience which was bound to fail in time. In the end, damaging speculation against the rand dictated the

timing of the breach.
Superficially, the Nationalists gain from the move. Mr
de Klerk's declaration yesterday that he was "raring to go as the leader of the opposi-tion" sounded genuine and was certainly understandable when one considers the repeated humiliations he has suffered at the hands of the

It is well-timed for them. Mr De Klerk can now claim to have done his bit for national unity and, for all his com-plaints, he has come away from the transition with a constitution which can only be seen as advantageous to an opposition. But his prediction that the Nationalists would go on to become "the largest party in South Africa" is dis-

Arguably the most serious nistake made by the Nationalists in the transition has been their fallure to rename, if not reincarnate, themselves. There is possibly room for some improvement in their existing support-base, among the Coloureds ironically fearful of the "black tide" to which they once belonged and those whites who have satisfied themselves with the novelty of voting for a black government.

But while the "Nats" have long boasted a formidable roams the country, hearing a | sibly as early as today.

catalogue of horrific tales of state atrocities during the apartheid era. The tears of the good cleric (among others) guarantee that the National Party will be anathems to the present generation of black South Africans, at

the very least. Yesterday's developments would not be so problematic if another political party was ready to challenge for the mantle of official opposition. But the obvious alternative, the small Democratic Party, appears transfixed by deni-gration at the hands of the growing black elite which, for a complexity of reasons, reserves its greatest rancour for the white liberals who made a considerable and courageous contribution to the liberation

cause. The danger for South Africa is that the emergence of a political dispensation which pits an essentially black gov-ernment against a fundamentally white opposition will reinforce racial polarisation. It is certainly possible to

The National Party will be anathema to black South Africans, at least

imagine a scenario in which the ANC, anxious to demon-strate black leadership quali-ties, persists in pushing the inexperienced into positions of power (a tendency which has already become apparent) and then responds to opposi-tion criticism by playing what might be described as the black card — denigrating the National Party's white constituency for the crimes of

the past. This is not the only possible scenario, but it is one which prompts reasonable concern for the future.

• The rand had another rollercoaster day yesterday after the National Party walk-out. But by late afternoon the cur-rency was recovering as markets digested a move which the Business South Africa group said was "a further stage of normalisation of South Africa's politics".

But while the "Nats" have long boasted a formidable and a sharp rise in money electioneering machine, their market rates prompted inpropaganda can be no match for the findings elicited by Central Reserve Bank would Archbishop Desmond Tutu's increase its bank rate by one Truth Commission as it or two percentage points, pos-

#### **Overcrowded Somali boats** cansize on Yemen crossing

AT LEAST 60 Somali refu-gees trying to escape the fighting in the capital, Moga-dishu, have been drowned in the past few weeks while attempting the hazardous sea crossing to Yemen. The United Nations High

Commissioner for Refugees says the Somalis have been travelling in hopelessly over-crowded hoats. Yemeni fish-ermen have told the UNECR that bodies are regularly washed up on their shoreline. In one incident, 125 Somalis were crammed on to a small fishing boat with a maximum capacity of 36. Surviving passengers say two died of thirst while still on board.

More were killed when the captain and crew pushed people overboard, telling them to swim nearly two

to the shore, but it was hit by a wave, capsized and sank. The UNHCR says at least 45 true figure is closer to 100. The UNHCR believes the

transport of refugees is being organised by Somali nation-als in the northern town of as in the northern town or Bossasso. Those wanting to cross to Yemen are asked to pay between £23 and £33. A UNHCR spokesman. Rupert Colville, has warned of further tragedies: "If the

security situation in Mogadi-shu remains bad, others will be exposed to similar risks due to stormy seas, over-crowding and ruthless actions by boat crews."

Over 5,000 people have suc-cessfully completed the voy-age since February. The journey from northern Somalia to Yemen takes about 48 hours. The Yemeni authorities have said they will step up naval patrols in an attempt to miles to the Yemeni coast.

Eventually the captain agreed to take the boat closer mali refugees in Yemen.

#### Complaint from Mr M M Lilley -Summary of adjudication

The Broadcasting Complaints Commission have upheld a complaint from Mr Mike Lilley about an edition of Kilroy broadcast on BBC1 on 24 March 1995. The programme, entitled Missing Mothers, focused on the problems faced by children whose mothers had left them. Mr Lilley, a single-parent father, and his three children were among the

Mr Lilley said that he had been led to expect that the programme would be well-balanced and would give a positive picture of single-parent fathers. Instead, it had concentrated on the highly emotional testimony of women who had undergone considerable suffering, including abuse by fathers, as a result of their mothers baving left them as children. This had caused Mr Lilley's children unnecessary

The BBC acknowledged that the programme had generated much more emotion than they had foreseen. They apologised for any unintentional distress which this might have caused Mr Lilley's children but denied that he had been

In the Commission's view, the programme centred so strongly on the women's harrowing experiences as to be quite different from what Mr Lilley had been led to expect, and indeed caused his children unnecessary distress. They can well believe that he would not have agreed to their participation if he had known that it would turn out to be so upsetting. In all the circumstances, the Commission find that the programme was unfair to both him and his children.

You can get a copy of the full adjudication by sending a stamped addressed envelope to: The Broadcasting Complaints Commission, 5-8 The Sanctuary, London SW1P 3JS.

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## The corrupt core of a city

Westminster's guilt is the Government's as well

same breath as Milan or Chicago. Covcapture and retain Westminster besymbolic citadel.

This was the all-consuming political Conservative flag continued to fly over the Porter regime. Westminster at the height of the national revolt against the poll tax. Lady Porter had a direct line to the Prime Minister. Every advantage which Whitehall could contrive was placed at the service of the Tory group in Westminster. The rate support grant settlement was annually manipulated for the benefit of Lady Porter. The party's national local election effort It is hardly surprising, knowing the extent to which the nation's finances could be manipulated and the party mobilised for Westminster's benefit in they could do no wrong.

cedures which have been followed by to put an end to them.

ALL OVER the world, rich cities beget the Auditor as a kangaroo court, but dirty politics. From today Westminster they were in fact set up by the Thatcher is now a place to be spoken of in the government under the 1982 Local Government Finance Act as a means of ering the whole of the Monopoly board | calling "loony" Labour authorities to from Fleet Street to Mayfair, it is Brit- account. Long and winding though they ain's richest and highest profile local be, the auditor has spent seven years city council. In the 1980s it became a probing the facts exhaustively. Having beacon of Thatcherism in a capital synchronic with British municipal socialism. To which was previously synchronic with British municipal socialism. To 1989 against Westminster's vote rigging came a task as important to the 1980s
Conservative Party as holding Vimy
Ridge was to the Allied generals of the first world war. No effort was too great, no gesture too shameless, to defend this The Westminster corruption case is just as emblematic of our era as Poulson's was of his, and in some ways with more context within which Lady Porter and justice, given the unique intimacy beher allies set about ensuring that the tween the Thatcher government and

The reaction of the Conservative Party yesterday was quite shameful. Yet again, the Prime Minister tried to deny any sort of responsibility for events which had unfolded entirely under and because of Conservative rule. As in the Scott debate and the beef crisis, he tried to imply that the real villains of the saga were the Labour Party. The Labour Party in local govfocused almost wholly on her borough. ernment are sometimes no angels, but this is an absolutely disgraceful trivialisation of a massive Conservative-instigated corruption which is without precedent in modern local government. It the late 1980s, that Lady Porter and her is scandalous for the Government to colleagues were emboldened to think make no comment on such findings. Acceptance of that kind of personal The District Auditor's report which responsibility used to be one of the was published yesterday — after great principles of Conservatism. This months of waiting it just happened to latest attempt to wriggle off that obligasee daylight in the week following the tion, following so many others, says English local elections - shows that everything that needs to be said about Westminster ran up a bill of £31.7 why the Tory Party is no longer fit to million to maintain itself in power. govern and why voters, whenever they Lady Porter yesterday dubbed the pro- get the chance, are rightly determined



The National Party's withdrawal will strain the ANC to the limit | University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL.

SOUTH AFRICA continues to live out | current provision for minority particithe paradox of a country where success pation in the government no longer marches hand in hand with the threat i of disaster. Both Nelson Mandela and his coalition partner (till now) F W de Klerk assert that the new constitution agreed on Tuesday marks the rebirth of the nation. It is an undoubted achievement, in the land of former apartheid. to have produced a document enshrining the basic freedoms for the future. Saved from a negotiating breakdown which would have plunged the country into crisis, the majority recorded by the Constitutional Assembly should have been a massive vote of confidence. Yet the markets were right to regard the attitude of the National Party as equivocal, and its decision yesterday to pull out of the coalition government also seems ambiguous.

Mr Mandela, having urged the National Party not to make the break, put the best face on it. An action which only hours before might have weakened the country would now, he insisted, strengthen it. Mr De Klerk was similarly positive in hailing it as an important step for "the normalisation of our young democracy". The argument is that the power-sharing arrangement up till now has become defunct with the constitutional agreement. Ending the coalition allows South African politics to enter a more "mature" stage where the majority party can rule while the frustrations — then the ANC is all minority plays a responsible opposition alone. Mr Mandela's team will also role. That is what will happen anyhow | need to show much greater "maturity" after the next election in 1999 when the | to survive the obstacles ahead.

applies. Perhaps too Mr Mandela's tutelage has come to a natural end, and his attempt to seek consensus where it does not exist should give way to a more open acceptance of opposing interests.

This seems sound enough in theory. but the National Party's decision can be viewed in a harsher light of reality. Mr De Klerk denies that his Party's withdrawal will have a significant effect upon the market - where recent political uncertainty has speeded the fall of the rand. Perhaps South African business and finance needs this sort of shock to become more "mature" as well, but it is a considerable risk. It is hard to believe that the National Party would have announced its withdrawal so soon if the final deal on the disputed provisions of the constitution had been more to its liking. The elections in 1999 are still a long way off. There is unhappily more time too for a National Party in opposition to invest contentious issues with a more transparently racial

A more sceptical view of the withdrawal would be that by doing so the Party divests itself of responsibility for South Africa's difficult transition. If this is forced off the road — whether by a hostile market, or by Inkatha's sabotage, or by the boiling over of township

#### Where good shares cost less

If you think Sainsburys is doing badly, look at manufacturing

YOU WOULD have thought that a cer- | niques of its arch rival including loytain company had gone to the check-out in the sky from all the publicity generated by its "slump" in profits. This event generated feature articles in most papers and even made the front page in some. This is unusual since after reporting a 12 per cent drop in profits it was still making £712 million. But this is no ordinary company: it is Sainsburys, which has become more of an icon than a brand in the way it has commanded customer loyalty and even pride. It became almost de rigueur for celebrities to prove their ordinariness their middle-class ordinariness, that is - by boasting they even do their own shopping at Sainsburys as if there were

nowhere else to go. There is now. Tesco has overtaken it in size and other supermarket groups be bad news because the annual growth are sizing up. Sainsburys is being in manufacturing output since 1973 has forced to eat humble pie (probably own | been only 0.3 per cent. Not very impres-

alty discount cards. But make no mistake, this is not a battle between lame ducks. They are the two most successful UK companies in the most successful form of shopping ever devised where marketing techniques are so sophisticated they even program into their calculations the average number of times your eyes blink while in the store. Retailing has been one of the great growth sectors of the economy led by supermarkets. If the rest of UK industry were as good at marketing as the supermarket kings, then our economic prospects might be less dismal. Turn now to a set of statistics released yesterday. Manufacturing output rose by only 0.5 per cent during the past year. What's worse is that this may not brand) by adopting some of the tech- sive. Even for a nation of shopkeepers.



#### Letters to the Editor

## The price of growing old Guardian poll on Europe finds all respondents in favour

fallen victim to the New Right's propaganda on popu-lation ageing and the ensuing "crisis" in the welfare state. A better perspective is provided by the Rowntree Foundation study, The Future of Welfare, published in 1993. This shows that, in 1991/1992, welfare spending (social security, education and health) was £2,240 per head of the whole population. Demographic change will require this figure to increase to £2,600 by 2041 (an increase of structure of spending and the real value of benefits remain unchanged. In cash terms, this is an increase of £7 per year per head of the popula-tion. In percentage terms it is an increase of one-third of one per cent per year. This can scarcely be considered a crisis.

Geoffrey Renshaw. Department of Economics,

HE reliance on individ-uals taking out private in-surance is suspect. Premia for tend to be very high (espe-cially where couples are involved) and people are reluctant to pay them.

If we are to go down the 'partnership" route, it would se better to rely on other forms, such as a system of matching grants, where the state matches pound for pound the individual's own contributions. These give individuals an incentive to mobilise their own resources only when the eventuality actually hits, and hence are

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London WC2A 2AE HERE is no real case for ditching the welfare state based on the national-insur-ance model. Indeed, private insurance is often the more expensive option. The basic principle of insurance is spreading of risk, and no system of insurance can spread the risk wider than a system of national insurance. There is no question that the welfare state is expensive to run; but what really matters under any system is the total cost for a household due to both taxes and private insurance. The advocates of compulsory private insurance as a replacement to existing wel-fare provision should be placed on the defensive. It is time they provided clear evi-dence that their proposals

would be both cheaper and offer the same protection. Liz Lynne MP. Liberal Democrat Social Security Spokesperson, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

vour leader column Appoints out Labour will now have to redefine poverty. What good a "parmership between private and public finance if private finance is inefficient (it covers only those who choose to and can afford to buy it) and costly (it would cost a family an esti-mated £2,000 a month to cover all that has been, and is currently provided by a cradleto the grave welfare state!?

I WAS A

RANCINE STOCK (Who | much more likely to be taken | getting people back to work if will pay when we're old up than insurance. I that work is so low-paid and grey?. May 8) has Julian Le Grand. Labour will have to continue a subsidy in the form of Fam-lly Credit. The redistribution wealth in the form of higher taxes for those on the top incomes and a minimum wage makes sense economically. A shift of just £16 billion of the £250 billion of profits, rent, and other in-come of the richest 5 or 10 per cent would rebuild essential services in health and education and fund pensions. Jill Mountford Secretary, Welfare State Network. Cathy Nugent.

Joint Editor, Action for

Camden People's Centre.

Health and Welfare.

183 Queen's Crescent, London NW5 4DS. THE failure of the postwar welfare state to prevent poverty and inequality was in large measure a result of its failure to intervene directly in the forces that generated those inequalities. The market was allowed to determine the initial distribution of incomes and resources, with taxes and benefits used to alleviate the worst effects after

stitutionalise the inequalities, not challenge them. A modern approach to social and economic justice requires that we tackle the causes and not just the symptoms of poverty and inequality, measures to generate em-ployment and training, a minimum wage, improved child-care and so on. Chris Pond. Director, Low Pay Unit.

to-the-grave welfare state)? 27/29 Amwell Street, It will be no good Labour London EC1R 1UN.

rency opposed by 2 out of 3 Britons, May 9) and you ad-vise a period of cautious inac-tion. But these popular opinions have been generated in a virtual intellectual vacuum. There has been no debate on Europe within the UK. All we have had is the Tory right-

have had is the Tory right-wing Euro-sceptical tail wag-ging virtually the entire party-political dog. For the people of the UK the situation is clear. The politi-cal-cultural project of "Brit-ain", fashioned in the late 18th century in the wake of the defeat in the American War of Independence and reaching an apoges in the years before the Great War, is now no longer relevant.

There is no plausible politi-cal-cultural future for the people of the UK which can be grasped by the notion of "Britain". Hence all the talk about Europe. It is the project of a united Europe which offers the people of the UK a chance to reinvent themselves and move forwards.

Britons will have to catch up with the mainland and the event. The result was that this would entail democrati-the welfare state came to ineconomic modernisation.

And here, it seems to me. the root of the fears of the inbabitants of the Whitehall/ Westminster village and the associated metropolitan chattering classes. The politicalcultural resources of the project of "Britain", which is serviced and run by them, with its hierarchy, deference, anti-intellectualism and the whole sorry spread of politi-cal infantilism which substi-tutes for political discourse.

YOU report opinion-poll data recording popular unease with the proposal for EMU (European single cure Europe offers the chance of political movement, a chance to make new projects, and most of all a chance to re-

affirm aspirations to political

adulthood (Dr) Peter W Preston. University of Birmingham,

Birmingham B15 2TT. NEXT time you hold an opinion poll on the single European currency it might be worth asking the question: would you approve of a new Europe-wide currency if each

country retained its own name for that currency? I suspect that the majority of those disapproving only disapprove because they prefer pounds to euros, brespec-tive of what they might be worth, and haven't given much thought to the wider

Colin Matthews. 3 Manchuria Road, London SW11 6AF.

SHOULD not the Guardian experiment with the kind of survey that is needed on Why not, for example, publish yourselves a clear objective summary of the pros and cons as they stand at the moment and arrange to survey people who have read that

To be fair, you would need to give respondents the option of deferring a view until the time when government decisions are required. Geoffrey Hulme.

163a Kennington Park Road, London SE11 4JJ,

#### A poor report

OUR coverage of OFST Y ED's report on reading in inner-city schools (Shephard May 8) included a list of "pas-sages deleted from the final report". The implication is that the deletions were made to boost the critical tone of the report. The much more mundane truth is that they were cut in the interests of brevity and clarity. All the examples quoted failed to make the transition from the nov famous first draft (a prolix 104 pages) to the final draft (a still generous 65 pages) either be-cause their flavour was well represented elsewhere or be-cause they added little to the value of the report. Jonathan Lawson. Office for Standards Alexandra House.

T IS eight years since this Government's Education Reform Act was placed on the statute book, 15 years since it began to restructure educa tion through legislation. If seven-year-olds are unable to read, how is that the fault of our teachers? Carey Chidwick. Silverdale,

33 Kingsway. London WC2B 6SE.

Snitter. Northumberland NE65 7EL

READ that over the holiday weekend the roads around Duxford, Cambridgeshire, were choked with three-hour traffic jams and 11-mile tailbacks as 60,000 people, mostly in cars, descended on the area to see some Spitfires fly past. It's a good job it wasn't a

peaceful music festival for young people and the airfield wasn't situated in Oxfordshire, otherwise the local police would have had the event banned because of the likelihood of traffic jams. Tony Knott. 8 Ash Court, Balmore Park,

Caversham.

Reading RG4 8PY.

POFESSOR THATCHER CHAIR CUTS I BOOTED BOSTING

#### Maggie – out; Maggie – out

award an honorary degree to Margaret Thatcher. Lady Thatcher's term as Prime Minister was marked by constant academic and student opposition to her govern-ment's policy of endless cuts. Those of us who were stu-dents during this period can only recall with bitterness her Government's cavalier disregard for reasoned

We call upon the University Redbourn, to reconsider its ill-conceived Hertfordshire AL3 7DA.

AS graduates of Brunel decision to honour Lady University, we are ap-palled at the decision to Brunel's reputation as a serious seat of learning. Peter Hunt. (Student 1985-1989, Senate Member 1988-1989.) Adrian Duthie. Russell Gill. Phil Cowley. Jim Kite. (Former SU presidents.) Andy Furlong. (Former deputy president.)
and three others.

Catholicism is a broad church

T SEEMS Daphne McLeod and your other correspondents (Letters, May 9) were more concerned with institutional Roman Catholicism rather than the living, breathing apostolic Catholicism

which most of us belong to. The vast majority of Catholics reject, by their practice. much of the moral teaching of the Catholic Church; the majority of our churches are only half full or half empty. depending on your point of view. This, it seems, has escaped your correspondents. Their absolute certainty denies the pilgrim nature of our church and in the end is an

Peter Richardson. 25 Richmond Avenue, Oldham OL9 8LQ.

As TO the complaint at the nub of the article (Storm in the cathedral, May 5) - the archdiocese of Liverpool still lacks a leader after a 15-month vacancy - I note there is universal silence. What shepherd would leave a valued flock up-

John Skinner. Apple Cottage, Ash Thomas, Tiverton, Devon EX164NS.

tended for so long?

WAS pleased that Catherine (Letter, May 9) was found not guilty, but confess to some confusion over her invitation to sing "Jesus never fails". Does this mean the jury can be disregarded as the outcome is beyond doubt? Pete Snaden. 253 Ashley Down Road. Bristol BS79BW.

#### A tax return from the Revenue

HERE has been no tax i "amnesty" for MPs car allowances (Tax break for Tory MPs, May 7). The former member of the Inland Revenue who asserted some kind of favourable treatment would not have known the facts from his official duties. and has got them wrong.

The Inland Revenue sought more tax from some MPs than the MPs felt they were due in law to pay. The disagreement was about the application of a statutory tax relief to their mileage allowances. The point was taken to the independent appeal commission-

At no stage did ministers try to discourage the Inland Revenue from seeking tax we believed was due. On the contrary, MPs and ministers observed scrupulously the Inland Revenue's independence from MPs on the handling of individuals' tax affairs. Theresa Middleton. Press Secretary, Inland Revenue, North West Wing. **Bush House** London WC2B 4PP.

Please include a full postal address and a telephone pendent appeal commissioner ers. The appeal commissioner decided MPs were entitled to acknowledge those not used. shorter ones are more likely to

#### A Country Diary

mother, Hermione, who was herself lambing at one-yearold and exhibited an element of the irresponsibility of the teenage bride. She tossed her lamb in the air, stalked off, and gave us weeks of bottle feeding. Close confinement and all the other strategies failed and Bess grew up never plain sailing. Perhaps beknowing the care of a loving mother. Her little friend Porgy, an orphan ram lamb. died of bloat. This spring she was clearly in lamb and we wondered, given her own sad experience, how she would make out as a mother. It nearly started in disaster. We were fortunate to be at home when she showed the waterbag that prefaces the birth of a lamb but, when she made no progress after some hours, our friendly local veterinarian was called. He did a copiously lubricated pull-out job of little Lizzie which avoided

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: Here's | end up as an expensive caea story of success on the ovine front. When young Bess, a two-year-old Herdwick shearling, was born in April '94 she was rejected by her control of the difficult birth. They were kept closely penned for the first two nights and nor-mal maternal instincts began to show. Bess fed her lamb and, as spring sunshine warmed the pasture, was able to take her out in the com-pany of the flock and show her off. All was not, however, cause the shot of long-lasting antibiotic, necessarily given after an assisted lambing, had some effect on her milk supply,she was clearly not giving her lamb all the sustenance it needed. A small bottle of artificial ewe's milk, boosted with glucose, proved necessary. But we now seem to be over the worst Lizzie joins in the afternoon races with the other lambs in late afternoon and, although Bess may have reproachful memories about her own experience, she is not inflicting the same neglect on her lamb. what appeared to be going to

COLIN LUCKHURST

Matthew Norman

FROIDEUR (or broigus, to use the technical Yiddish term) has developed between the Diary and Mandy Mandelson. What caused it, I have no idea: but something clearly did, for Mandy still won't fax over the itinerary for his Easter trip to the Far East. He went on behalf of the people of Hartlepool. the people of Hartlepool, you will recall, and in one of those altruistic gestures we've all come to associate we've all come to associate with high-street banks, Barclays picked up the £6,000 bill. Today, in the sincere hope of effecting a rapprochement. I wish to offer this friendly advice: unless he records that trip in the Member's Register of Inter-Member's Register of Interests very soon, someone is bound to notice that be has broken the rule about foreign freebies being registered within four weeks of returning. With New Labour currently striving to benefit from certain Tory non-registrations, this would be embarrassing — so come on, Mandy, put it in the book today.

O such amnesia af-flicts Tory MP Sir Anthony Grant. He has recorded £13,000 income from insurance firm Bowring Marsh and McLen throughout the register. Bowring Marsh and McLellan. Good to see him taking his duties so seriously.

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LOOK forward to Fay Weldon's critique of the new Jeffrey Archer in the Sunday Times, the paper with its own official code to ensure objectivity among book reviewers. She was commissioned a day after being quoted in the London Evening Standard describing Lord Archer as "a genius". Her review replaces a previous, less admiring piece by Mark Lawson. This was spiked by editor John Witherow, who is said to have become very chummy with the noble Lord since the Sunday Times began serial-ising the novel a few weeks ago. Whether Mr Witherow allowed this to influence him, and thus breached his paper's code. we cannot say, since he refuses to come to

HAT a swell party it will be tonight when Gentleman Charlie Wilson opens his gracious Kensington home to survivors of his Independent editorship (the local phone box was already booked). How the fey Glas-wegian copes with the role of genial host is anyone's guess, but if you're in the area tonight, and you hear ine words "Take d them wee canapés, laddie, or I'll jam it down your "throat" in a strong Glasgow timbre, don't be too alarmed.

ARM congrats, meanwhile, to Charlie's boss David Montgomery for the fantastic scoop in yesterday's Mirror. The paper snapped its recent libel combatant Rupert Allason -a man well known to be estranged from his wife, with no record of talking rot about family values — with a woman friend in France. It was Monty, of course, whose lawyer rang last week threatening to suc should we write of his separation from his second wife; it would, we were informed, be a breach of his privacy.

N today's reading from Major, Major (Memories Of An Older Brother), we find Terry Major-Ball returned from National Service. The heading of Chapter 8, "Jack the Lad", speaks for itself. "It was at Toni's Milk Bar that I met Ted Hunt," writes Terry of his future best man. "Occasionally on Saturday nights we would play Jack the Lad, and go to the Kingston Emand go to the Amgston lam-pire . . . and sometimes we also had a cigar." Time, dread foe of youthful folly, was not to be denied. "Over the years," writes Terry, wistfully, "Ted and I calmed

ORNISH china firm J&S Chown has a new commemorative mug. On one side it shows Charles and Diana looking away from each other, while the words "Sadly, they have announced their intention to divorce" are embossed on the other. This is a very unfortunate occasion," says John Chown, reporting booming sales. "But we have done it in a very discreet fashion."



## Beware the turning tide of freedom

Commentary Peter

**Preston** 

T was the perfect British definition of a non-event. World Press Freedom Day, virtually unmentioned in any newspaper near you. We, it seems, think our freedom is secure: we can blies. Conservative Mrs resigned their seats to be its Director General. The battle to expel Greece after the colonels' coup, and Turkey after the generals returned, dominated newspaper headlines for months. tioned in any newspaper near you. We, it seems, think our freedom is secure: we can concentrate on Di's shock retreat from Benidorm, Rupert Allason's nifty St thought democracy was important. We were excited about the Europe the political control of the control Rupert Allason's nifty St Tropez weekend, the latest confected horrors from Brus-sels. But pause awhile, for our world is a deluded, dismal

Hundreds of struggling papers across the breadth of the Russian Federation, the detritus of the Soviet Empire, across Africa and South America, weren't so heedless. It was their Day. They drew lines of type in the sands for their readers. They are right; and we are wrong.

This week, as a grotty point of reference, Croatia joined the Council of Europe. An- Maybe Milosovic should have

other non-event. I have the library file on the Council open in front of me. Nobody writes too.

Those Strasbourg shrugs much about its deliberations any longer. They used to, from 1949 on — in London when Britain helped construct the first democratic talking shop for a ravaged continent. Foreign Secretar-ies led high-powered delegations to its Strasbourg assem-blies. Conservative MPs

And now? Franjo Tudjman joins the club amongst weary shrugs. He is there not because of any determined drive for true freedoms within Croatia — but because, in the last knockings at Dayton, he hung out for the

badge of respectability that Council membership still con-fers. Bill Clinton and subservient friends were concentrating on the main event. Tudjman got his sweeties.

too.
Those Strasbourg shrugs

are deeply indicative. They betoken a game being suddenly played by different Once upon a relatively mod-

ern time, membership of the Council (with signed obei-sance to the European Con-vention on Human Rights) was a way of encouraging states throwing off autocracy to do better, a carrot with a doughty stick attached. That may still be the theory today, but hardly the practice.

When Russia got its Council place a few months ago, Hugo Young took a cleaver to Malcolm Rifkind's cynicism

— undermining the European Court of Human Rights for cheap Tory cheers back home. But such cynicism stretches even further than a

Eastern Europe's gambit of the year. In a Strasbourg assembly swiftly swelled to 37 nations, such ploys are common currency. Has Slovakia a free press? Has Romania? Or Belarus? Have TV broadcast.

Many of the Swedes, Swiss and democratic worthies tollows in those convertible. ers in these countries, or many more besides, any free-

many more besides, any free-dom to do more than cheer-lead for the regime that breathes down their necks? Perhaps the fatal cop-out was admitting a Russia where the rule of law is as yet vesti-gial. But one weasel argu-ment goes with another. Is respect for human rights keener in Bratislava than in Moscow? If one then why not Moscow? If one, then why not the other? And how can all the alleged tests and condi-tions be made to stick? Will

The oldest trick is a State-authorised list of 'approved professional journalists'

stretches even further than a court under siege.

What has President Tudiman been doing these last few weeks as his Strasbourg ticket went through the system? He has seen one paper fined a ludicrous, crippling £1 million for supposed customs evasions. (Novi List wanted its own printing plant.) He has shut down a paper called Panorama which published a mildly warty profile of the great leader. All this, and

and democratic worthies toll-ing away for the Council do not, of course, see things that way. But it is never too early to grow alarmed. Europe's freedom tide has begun to turn in disillusion. The values we seek to export can, with a brisk flip of the mirror,

be returned to senter in ma-lignity.

A few yards from my desk there hangs a picture of Far-zad Bazoft, the Observer jour-nalist murdered by Saddam Hussein. The editor of one Moscow paper was recalling for me, on World Press Free-dom Day, how last month he dom Day, how last month he found the body of his reporter, Nadezhda Chaikova, buried in concrete in an ob scure Chechen village. One of her legs was protruding from the hasty coffin. She had been beaten, blindfolded and shot in the back of the head. But nobody in authority wanted to know. She was just another of the 21 journalists assassi-nated around the world since

nated around the worm share 1996 began.

Press freedom isn't special.

It is merely one essential of your freedom, and mine. It can be shot in the head, or doused by official decree. It can be sold away thought-lessly or uncaringly. That is was the day, that was. Perhans, next year. Di could haps, next year, Di could mention it in a speech

children — I am prepared to persuade him, with a little gentle coercion, that work is better than inactivity. But the process will take time. And for some families — the single mother, the disabled, pensioners as well as the pathologi-cally incapable — the drive for jobs will have no effect on their lives. Chris Smith's "real chance to start again" — right though it is as a policy

aim — will pass them by. We had better be clear how numerous they are. Again, Chris Smith is right to call for a natural assessment of what poverty in the modern world would amount to and how "the denials of life chances can be overcome". But we can already make a guess about part of the definition. We know that 11 million people — 20 per cent of the population
— are living below the accepted poverty line, that the income share of the poorest 10 per cent fell from 4.2 per cent to 3.0 per cent of GDP between 1961 and 1995, and that, during the last 15 years, the most deprived families have become poorer in absolute as know, too, that the families at the very bottom of the income barrel live in the worst houses, send their children to the most overcrowded and dilapidated schools, and wait in the longest hospital queues.

O the New Labour government will be left — as any decent. and radical government is bound to be left — with a dilemma. We have "responsibility as individuals to make provision in our own lives for those time when we cannot earn and sup-port ourselves". But some people will never be able to meet that obligation. And many more have been prevented from fulfilling it by the circumstances of the last 20 years. It may be that by providing them with immediate help we will postpone or in-hibit the fundamental change. Nevertheless, it has to be pro-vided. Chris Smith said it himself. "We have a responsibility as a community to sup-

rate politicians and third-rate to the economy, the only reason for giving priority to

# abolishing Zagreb city council too. The use of "economic" or "environment" inspectors against the press is standard stuff. It lends a little argumentative distance to old-fashioned repression. It is leastern Europe's gambit of leastern Europe's gambit o



Bel Littlejohn

EEP breath. And out. Once more. Deep breath. And out. Hmmm. Relax. There! Feels better already. You're not looking your best. Are you feeling terribly depressed? Are you? Super! Tell us what's on your mind and we'll all

Princess Diana. would now be a nervous wreck rather than the wife of our future King. Let me tell you, Susie and Bel go back a long way. Bel 'n' Susie. Susie 'n' Bel. It's got a nice ring to it, no? I first met Susie at Michael Meacher's house back in the late 80s. It was Susie who had loosened Michael up, Susie who had got him to wear flowery ties at weekends, Susie who had urged him to sing along in his car to the original cast album of Grease!, Susie who had encouraged him to your out his heart and then your it back again, into a different, more

central place in his body.

Michael, you'll remember,
had just lost a court case to prove he was working-class, even though he'd invested in a brand new flat cap and a jar of Sarson's Malt Vinegar as well as undergoing extensive training in thumbs-up signs. But DNA testing will out. Poor guy, what he needed was a jolly good boo-hoo followed by a lovely warm hus under cona lovely warm hug under con-trolled conditions. Suste was just the person to give it to him. She also gave him a man-tra to recite in moments of tra to recite in moments of stress. "I may not be working-class but I'm still Michael Meacher and I love myself." he would whisper when the going got rough. And that's how he got where he is today: one of our most memorable Opposition. Spokesmen for Opposition Spokesmen for (Note to Subs: Look in Pimen-tary H'book and Fill in Gap, Thank, Bel) in recent history. Anyway, when Michael in-troduced me to Susie, my first Bell Translated into English that means we just clicked.

With a bold group of other warmhearted women, including the lovely Carmen (Callil) and Pat (Hewitt), I am a founder member of Antidote, the organisation that is determined to make our elected politicians get in touch with their deeper feelings. Antidote (from "A Nice Talk in Depth Over Tea and Eclairs") has already scored some notable political successes.

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political successes.

Jack Straw, for instance. I know Jack won't mind me saying that he used to be just a little bit "manly", a little bit "buttoned-up". Years ago, back in the days when he played bass in Hawkwind, he would only ever go on stage if a woolly and waterproofs were to hand. And later, whenever the on your mind and we'll all ever go on stage if a woolly have a jolly good natter.

Susie Orbach? Love her to pieces. Contrary to what the rightwing press would have us believe, she's a very gutsy lady, and without Susie's tender loving care, not to mention her buckets of wisdom, princess Diana would now be or other about having to draft. or other about having to draft amendments to composite

> Not any more. Last week, Jack agreed to attend an emer-gency session of Antidote, even stepping down from the captaincy of his local pub quiz semi-final to make a window for it. Also at the session was my good friend John Prescott, who had to be dragged along, I'm sorry to say, by Peter Mandelson. Peter has at last convinced Tony B that New Labour should be at the forefront of widening the political vocabulary to include cross-party words and phrases like "huggy-wuggies", "strength through weakness", "let's relate" and "a big bout of the peautiful boo-hoos"

> IRST up at the Orbech session was Jack Straw. He didn't let me down. I was so proud of him. He sat there on the floor in his new feelgood stripey cravat while Suste and I placed our arms around him and squeezed and pummeled ("Let that pain out, Jack!"). After three-quarters of an hour, Jack just sobbed and sobbed and sobbed. "When I was a little boy I always wanted — choke! — to be a squeegee merchant but my mummy wouldn't let me sniff! — so I don't see why anyone else should be allowed. NOT FAIR!" He had at last achieved regression. Well done, Jack, and welcome to the land of emotional truth! And John Prescott? There's a mountain of work to do on

him. Sometimes I wish he'd jacket of his and let it all hang out. He's a great big New

that means we just clicked.
She put into words something
I had always thought let's get
in touch with our feelings—a
message I had been struggling
towards in my Orange-awardwinning Fluffy the Dolphin
children's books. And since
knowing Susie, I have made
that message all the more
forceful—see Fluffy Opens
Up (1994), Fluffy Is A Strong
Dolphin (1995) and Fluffy
Learns To Love Herself (1996). Learns To Love Herself (1996). ers, bless him.

# It won't go away

Chris Smith's welfare plans are fine in the long-term, argues Roy Hattersley, but the poor still need help now. And to pay for it? Higher tax is an option

welfare state". In Chris Smith's Tuesday lecture -Social Justice in A Modern World — the call to make the leap from welfare to work was more than a plausible excuse for cutting public expendi-ture. Promises about limiting government spending are an indispensable part of any New Labour statement But Smith's real theme was the need to give dignity as well as material help to people described by the London Evening Standard (of all papers) as "the alienated, desperate, hearly literate under class" in tween the welfare state and the individual who turns to it for help" will not be created overnight.

Even when the idea is turned into a plan and the plan hearmer laws. as the anemated, desperate, barely literate under-class which has been left to moulder without hope at the bottom of the social barrel".

DO not believe that, in the words of the Guardian headline, we are witnessing "the end of the He was equally right to de-He was equally right to de-scribe the welfare state as a framework with which "individuals achieve security" rather than a "particular mechanism for bringing that security about". And he is to be congratulated for starting the broad-minded debate about what that framework should be. But he has a problem. "A new relationship be-tween the welfare state and the individual who turns to it

bottom of the social barrel".

Smith was absolutely right to say that "the whole section of society that is ... racked by poverty and locked into dependency" needs more than a pendency" needs more than a total discussion of the social barrel. There is little value in telling the social barrel".

Dorn and breu in poverty can an ored in poverty can all processes that in 1936, and per cent of families lived on or below subsistence to adjust their attitudes. The principal cause was unemployment. By 1950 to adjust their attitudes. There is little value in telling the social barrel". pound increase in the level of | There is little value in telling |

tion that the state is the best provider". If, as Smith hopes. "each man and woman (is to be] assured of sufficient income for honourable subsistence", immediate help has to provided in the old-fashioned way. I am strongly in favour of the major surgery which Smith proposes. But I have 20,000 constituents in urgent need of first aid. The problem is administering both remedies simultaneously.

"The best possible way to reduce the bill for the tax-payer," said Smith. "is to help as many people as possible to come off benefits altogether." come off benefits altogether."
Right. It is the best way because it is the way which
most quickly and effectively
reduces poverty. Apart from
the freezing months of the
1947 fuel crisis, the post-war
Labour government never
allowed unemployment to
rise above 400,000 — a figure
far lower than either Beveridge or the 1942 White Paper overnight.

Even when the idea is turned into a plan and the plan becomes law, it will be years, perhaps generations, before the families who were born and bred in poverty can interest the convertinities of the convertin

work for 10 years that he about whether the transition must "abandon the assump from war to peacetime econofrom war to peacetime economy helped or hindered Attlee in reducing unemployment to so low a figure. It is, however, certain that what old Labour achieved in 1945 will be almost impossible for New Labour to repeat in 1997. The techniques — these days called controls and regula-tions—are either out of fash-ion or made impossible to operate by the need to survive in a global market. Rightly or wrongly, Gordon Brown will not subsidise barely viable steel-plants or persuade the electricity generating indus-try to use British coal rather than the cheaper Polish equivalent — even though, on the basis of Chris Smith's benefit balance sheet, it would probably be a good deal for the taxpayer.

Just as important, the Just as important, the psychology of unemployment has changed — at least for many of the men and women who, as Chris Smith rightly says, have been demeaned by a lifetime of welfare dependency. A young man who leaves school at 16 and hangs around on street corners for the next 10 wars is neither the next 10 years is neither mentally equipped nor techni-cally qualified to take on one of the new jobs which will term change is right and eventually result from a high-should be applauded. But it investment economy. For his must not be used as an excuse pound increase in the pious a man who has been out of There is still disagreement sake — and for the sake of his for short-term neglect.

# bility as a community to sup-port those who fall on hard times." In the short run, the support can only be provided by the sort of help which John Smith proposed in his 1992 "alternative budget". So we are left with the old dilemma — the question that is the last refuge of second-rate politicians and third-rate

Where is the money to come from? The answer is also the reply to and refutation of New Labour's silliest soundbite the promise not to tax for tax's sake. Nobody I know has ever wanted to do that. Higher taxation is an option: since it does no lasting harm the prosperous is the fear that the middle classes will not vote for a party which expects them to help what Smith calls the "excluded swathe in our society". I believe that fear

groundless. Certainly in 1987 and 1992, the opinion-poll support for tax increases was not translated into votes on poll-ing day. But that was a commentary not on the electors' compassion but on their judgment of Labour's compe If they had believed that we would use the extra peany in the pound for health and education, they would have supported the increase. They feared it would be frittered away. Now competence is not in question, and the need to help the "excluded swathe" is five years more urgent. Chris Smith's philosophy of long-term change is right and

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# Out of the fog of paranoia

ead of MI5 by Lord Callaghan, then Labour prime minister, as a snub to the security establishment in the wake of what later became known as the Wilson Plot

MI5 was totally out of control in the 1970s, blinkered and infused with a right-wing culture. Setting aside Harold Wilson's paranoia, and the exaggerated claims in Peter Wright's memoirs, Spy-catcher, there is now sufficient evidence to assert that a rogue group inside the security service was out to smear the Labour government. In 1977, a year after Callaghan succeeded Wilson as prime minister, an internal inquiry cleared MI5 of bugging Wil-son's office. But Callaghan had heard enough about MI5 to decide to bring in an outsider to shake it up.

ard Smith, then ambassador in Moscow, to take over from

was quite unhappy with the way in which Howard's Smith's predecessor at MI5 was conducting its afratire I determined to bring of MI5. someone into the office from a different culture," Callaghan recalled yesterday. He added: "Howard Smith, who had an objective view about the

Smith to inform the Russians that he had been appointed to head Britain's security service. Both men wanted the appointment to be publicly gazetted. Whitehall would have none of it, even though Moscow — whose agents were os-tensibly MI5's main targets had been told on the express instructions of the British prime minister.

Callaghan explained yester day: "My personal relations with Andrei Gromyko, the

IR HOWARD Smith. | Labour ministers, as MI5's di- | Soviet foreign minister, at the who has died aged | rector-general. MI5 was furi- | time were quite good and rector-general. MI5 was furitime were quite good and one. "I was quite unhappy therefore I proposed to Howard Smith that before he left Gromyko to tell him that he

> "I cannot remember wha the arguments were for not disclosing his name publicly war, fitted the bill. When his predecessor was told of my intention, he was nearly apoplectic."
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> MIS was even more outraged when Callaghan told Smith to inform the Russians ing back, non-publication with the appointment of Stella Rimington, before the head of MI5 was officially identified.

Callaghan was attracted to Smith because of his refreshingly straightforward, realistic approach to difficult and sensitive issues. He was attracted to Smith for another reason. Smith was not an Oxbridge man, he was not part of the old boy network which believed they had a God-given



Smith, who was born in Brighton, came from a rela-tively impoverished background; his father was a hardup schoolmaster. He won a scholarship to the then Regent Street Polytechnic spell as British representa-(now part of the University of tive in Northern Ireland and Westminster). He shone at as a senior official adviser in mathematics and won a the Cabinet Office, he was apscholarship to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.

Though the outbreak of the second world war meant he

sented him with a unique op ology — an attribute appreci-portunity to use his mathe atted by pragmatic Soviet leadmatical skills. He was asked to join the elite band of mathematicians, chess-players and linguists at the Government Code & Cypher School (forerunner of GCHQ) at Bletchley Park. There he worked at the school's famous Hut 6, break-ing Germany's Enigma codes in a vital contribution to the Allied victory whose importance has only recently been remained unpublished until fully acknowledged.

After the war, Smith joined the Foreign Office. In 1956 he began to specialise in the Soviet Union and eastern Surope. He was posted to the British embassy in Moscow in 1961, and was appointed ambassador to Czechoslova-kia in 1968, shortly after the Soviet Union's crushing of the Prague Spring. After a

Smith had a down-to-earth approach, unencumbered by the hysteria of Cold War ide-

ated by pragmatic Soviet leaders, notably Gromyko, as much as by Callaghan. He was head of MI5 when Thatcher took power in 1979. But he failed to persuade the new Conservative prime minister to open up the closed world of MIS, even to the extent of publishing an official account of the agency's wartime achievements. (It

In 1943 he married Winifred Cropper, who died in 1982. He is survived by his second wife, Mary Penney. He retired in 1981 after three years at MI5, a period which proved too short to shake-up management attitudes and recruitment policy. His successor, John Jones, was one of the old school, a poor manager obsessed with fighting "subversion".

Richard Norton-Taylor

pointed ambassador to Mos

**Stanley Reed** 

# Bringing film to the people

TANLEY Reed, directory of film, as well as inspir-tor of the British Film ing them with the images on with a heroic commitment to lishing the Experimental education as well as one to Film Fund which, thanks tow and cherished memories of a boyhood spent exploring the streets of East London. His father was a printer and his mother had been in

domestic service before her marriage. An uncle who was love of craftsmanship: he remained an enthusiastic woodworker to the end of his life. But reading was his pas-sion. He remembered as a boy borrowing a book from the local lending library; finish-ing it on the way home, and going back for another without even entering the house. He won a scholarship to Strat-ford Grammar School, which was co-educational, and where, aged 11, he met and fell for Alicia Chapman, whom he was to marry 15 years later. The school staff appealed vainly to Alicia for

help in overcoming this able but insubordinate pupil's un-willingness to play games or wear his school cap.

He went on to give no less strately to the conservative staff of the College of St Mark and St John, Chelsea. There he studied for English hon-ours and a teaching certifi-cate, but his enterprise in

> well as dramatic and orches-tral societies, was seen as langerously radical. In 1932 he returned to the East End to teach senior elementary pupils at Gredon Road Boys' School: Star-tlingly ahead of his time, he introduced film studies into his English classes. As a boy he had made pinhole cameras and he remained fascinated by photography. Now he began to experiment with am-ateur films. Together with Alicia he was active in the organisation of the pioneer West Essex Film Society, and tunity that London offered for seeing foreign films.

forming a students' union, as

After the war, during which he was kept busy with the schools evacuation pro-gramme, Reed returned to West Ham as the education committee's visual aids offi-car. He also wrote and narrated a film about the borough's restoration programme, Neighbourhood 15. Last year it reappeared in a BBC programme about the subsequent development of the borough.) Reed's involve-Wanstead Flats from development jeopardised his career with the council. So he gratefully accepted the newly created post of education officer

at the British Film Institute. He had found his niche. The BFI then was a small organization manned by likeminded film enthusiasts. He was now able to extend the pioneer work of promoting the understanding and appreciation of film, begun in the schools of West Ham, on a national scale.

He lectured tirelessly around the country, making "film appreciation" a recognised school discipline. A brilliant communicator, he could thrill school children | born January 21, 1911; died May with the physical quality of a | 4, 1996

the screen. At the same time he was instrumental in establargely to his own taste and perception, modestly funded the first films of Tony Rich-ardson, Karel Relsz, Keyin Brownlow, Peter Watkins, Jack Gold and John Irvine.

in 1956 Reed became secretary of the BFI and in 1964 succeeded James Quinn as its director. As secretary he could seem rigid and authori-tarian: he would cut off oppo-sition with a sharp and definitive "I don't accept that". But his period as director brought organisation. He was brave and visionary and found a valuable ally in Labour's arts minister, Jenny Lee. In his eight years at the BFI the staff grow dramatically, but without ever prejudicing the founding aims of the BFL of promoting the art and under-standing of film, or succumbing to the inappropriate corporate ambitions which were later to impair the institute's

functioning.

Among the activities that



Reed . . . film and education

flourished notably under Reed's administration was tha BFI's Production Board. Developed out of the Experimental Film Fund and headed board's triumphs at this time included the first works of

Bill Douglas and Mike Leigh. Reed was also concerned with the regional expansion of the BFTs work, and after his retirement in 1972 served for four years as consultant, helping to set up an effective organisation of regional film theatres.

After the British Film institite, Reed embarked on a characteristically energetic retirement in the East London that he had never left or garden, to which he generally devoted each morning, while in the afternoon he set out with his camera, on foot or by bus, to photograph London

The other moments he filled with carpentry, watching films on television, listening to opera and, of course, reading. Stanley Reed, who resolutely refused all official honours, though he was happy to secure them for his BFI staff, is survived by his widow and their three

David Robinson

Stanley William Reed, cineaste,

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#### Luis Miguel Domínguin

## The strain of number one

umphant appearance in Madrid's Monumatador Luis Miguel Dominguin, who has died aged 69. stood before the crowd and made a figure one sign. It was a defiant gesture from a man who considered himself number one in the bedroom as well as the bullring, and who suffered the strain of proving

Dominguin, who had been a friend of Pablo Picasso, the poet Rafael Alberti and other left-wingers, but who also consorted with General Franco, ended his life in bitter isolation expounding extreme conservative views but whom he finally accepted do-mestic stability.

Dominguin was not a purist bulifighter but he was a brave and compelling showman whose skill in the corrido - and the following year inititaming and killing a bull delighted fans. He was gored 15 times, married twice, and shocked constantly, seducing the likes of Romy Schneider, Ava Gardner and Italian actress Lucia Bosé, who became his first wife. When Greta Garbo touched his arm and asked: "Do you kill the bull using this arm? Don't you need great strength?" he replied, "In bullfighting as in overnaking it is ability and imagination rather than strength that is required." He claimed he was never a Casanova because he became deeply involved with women carried her into the X-ray room in his arms and slept by

guin shocked Franco's staid regime while serving as one of its brightest stars; a rare glamorous figure in a country ostracised abroad, his rivalry with Antonio Ordónez inspired a Hemingway novel. Picasso was godfather to Do-minguin's first child, Alberti dedicated poems to him, and yet to attend a shooting party with General Franco the matador agreed to a second reli-gious wedding ceremony with Lucia Bose, who he had married in a Las Vegas registry office — providing Spaniards with yet more salacious

Dominguin was born in Ma-drid and his father and brothers were matadors. Aged 12 he was fighting cows and a year later he became an apprentice bullfighter. He made a triumphant first ap-pearance in Madrid in 1940

tragedy that was to influence lete, a long, lean sober figure, the finest bull fighter ever. He acted as Dominguin's padrino, the senior figure who supports a young matador on the day he first kills a full

fight he told his protégé it would be his last as he planned to retire. Dominguin then watched as his memor was trampled by the bull. He blamed the public for forcing Manolete to keep fighting

**Letters: William Colby and Helene Cordet** 

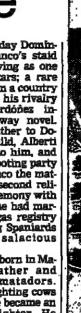
Bob Davies writes: Martin | the random murders of politi-

ary, May 7) as a worthy candidate for New Labour. there was the slaying of the date for New Labour.

date for New Labour.

I remember what must have been his last great operation as CIA Director, the overthrow of democracy in Thailand in 1976. There was the mass attack on Thamwas the

who bravely opposed a coup lage Scouts (modelled on CIA 20 years before; there were militias used in El Salvador



American tours. But it was a bullfighting Dominguin most — the gor-ing and death of the legend-ary Manolete in 1957. Many aficionados considered Mano-

grown bull.

Just before the Lineares

ers and trade unionists; and

massat University by police, border patrol police (officially

trained by the CIA), and Vil-



when he should already have | and Dominguin later said she | sions, caused them both pain. | rious Sotogrande Jetset ghetto

stepped aside. In 1964 Dominguin married Lucia Bosé, with whom he had three children, Miguel, Lucia and Paola. In 1968, the couple separated. His infidelity and the clash between their worlds — feminine artistic and macho insensitive estranged Dominguin from his children for many years. His long-lasting affair with his niece Marivi Dominguin proved the last straw for the regime and he was charged

dozens of students were bru-tally killed, but these were

tiny numbers compared with

the hundreds of thousands of

largely innocent peasants reputedly killed in Operation Phoenix.

If Colby thought Operation

Phoenix had won the war by 1971, he was living in cloud-cuckoo land. The following year I watched US service-men being lined up in Bang-kok to be sent back to Viet-

was the only woman who did not remain a friend. He retired in 1960, taking up business interests, travel-ling and spending time in his Andalusian estate. But he made a comeback in 1971, sporting a traje de luces, the tight glittering suit of lights

worn by matadors, designed by Picasso. In 1987 Dominguin married Rosario Prime de Rivers, a descendant of the Falange leader. Together they trav-elled and she cared for him as his health failed. But his with causing a public scan-dal. The relationship proved his health failed. But his destructive to both of them pride, as on so many occa-

and Vietnam etc). Again nam by US Military Police, the two passing references to dozens of students were bru-Stoned and reeling, scarcely her daughter. Could this be

bothering to keep order, they

looked like a totally defeated

The massive bombing raids that year were nothing more

than an attempt at a face-

saving peace before Saigon in

Steve Commons writes: I was

interested to read John is, no one I have talked to has Ezard's obituary of Helene ever heard of her. Has any-cordet (obituary, May 3) and one? Or did I dream it all?

and demoralised army.

Lucia refused to give Domin-guin the annulment he craved on the Costa del Sol. He is fixed in the minds of those who watched him fight as he to marry the deeply religous Rosario in church, because Bosé said he never had the grace to ask her himself. Dominguin found it hard to

live outside the limelight. He spoke nostalgically of the Franco days, when letters addressed Number One or showing the figure I on a bed when he had been gored would reach him without difficulty. "We lived better then," he said. He died after suffering a brain haemorrhage at his home in the luxu-

Louise Cordet who knocked

my socks off with two very sexy pop records circa 1963? So utterly captivated was I that, for the only time in my

life, I joined a fan club (five

shillings well spent).

If you happen to read this,
Louise, I'm Just A Baby was
dynamite. The strange thing

heart, and then with an arro gant arch of the frame and a majestic toss of the cape as sume command, simply took your breath away.' Adela Gooch Luis Miguel Dominguin, bull-

was in Ava Gardner's mem-

ory: "Seeing him strike an elegant pose as those enormous

horns slid by, inches from the

fighter, born 1926; died May 8, 1996

#### Birthdays

banker, 55; Bono, singer, 36; Bill Cash, Conservative Euro-sceptic MP, 58: Dono-van, singer, 50; Jonathan Edwards, athlets, 30; David Grahame-Smith, professor of clinical pharmacology. Oxford, 63; June Knox-Mawer, novelist, broad-caster, 66; Lucinda Lambton writer, broadcaster, photographer, 53; Maureen Lipman,

Milton Babbitt, composer, gow, industrialist and 80; Win Bischoff, merchant farmer, 62; Sir David Orr, chancellor, Queen's Universi-ty. Belfast, 74; Peter Prince. writer, 54; Bruce Raymond, jockey, 53; Manuel Santana, tennis player, 58; Michael Shea, writer, former press secretary to The Queen, 59; Barbara Taylor Bradford, author, 63; Sir Denis Thatcher, 81; Sir Duncan Watson, former president, World Blind Union, 70; Bert Weedon, guitarist, 76.

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#### Jackdaw

Walker's obituary seems to portray William Colby (obitu-

the mysterious death of the greatly respected That Army Chief of Staff, Kris Sivara,



#### **Snails Delight**

Sean French tried the uncommon delight of preparing English garden snalls to eat. After feeding them on carrot for a week until their shit turned orange, he tried feeding them to his family. (The snails had been extracted from their shells and fried in garlic and oil for ten minutes.) The following result was in last week's New

Statesman. What ensued was rather like the sort of question you get in modern maths books for seven year olds. There is a family consisting of two adults, A and B, and four children, C, D, E, an F. And there are 38 snails. Adult B says she

doesn't feel very well and isn't going to have any snails at all, as such. Child F says she wants a biscuit. Child E says she will try some of the sauce. And the bread. After much ag-onising, child C consents to eat one snail. How many snails does that leave adult A The children probably will be known as C, D, and F when the social services hear that I have been attempting to feed garden snails to them, and take them into care. And I will be on the front page of The Sun: The most disgusting man in Britain." But a disgusting man who is neither bothered by snails in his garden or by dinner party guests, once this article has been published.

#### Hot choice

Spoilt for choice on who to wor-ship? Do you fear that when the Day of Judgment comes, you might have chosen wrong, and are therefore damned forever? Well, fear not. The Process Church of the Final Judgment provides the answer

in an oversimplified nutshell, the long haired, black robed followers of the Process Church believe in the recon cilliation of opposites-Jehovah at one extreme and Satan at the other, with Jesus as the balancing force in between. Process mythology includes the belief that God and Satan have settled their cosmic squabbles and, come the final bugle call of the apocalypse, God will pass judgment over what will probably look a lot like an open cattle call for Night Of The Living Dead extras. Acting under God's orders, Satan, in turn, will cast the damned into the dreaded Lake o' Fire. Now, the Processians figure that if God and the Devil are runnin' pardners again, they better not take any chances, so they worship them all—Jehovah, Christ, Lucifer, Satan-the whole (un)holy lot!

#### Problem solved. Irish bet

The Irish World gives us news on how to get a better bet on the Over 200,000 people per week

are taking small bets on the results of the Irish lottery with bookmaker Ladbrokes. The twice weekly bets allow punters the chance to win up to £100,000 if they pick the correct lotto numbers and £6 if they get just one number right. The new craze is sweep-ing Britain because of a series of good odds offered by Ladbrokes who say the bet is now

one of their most popular. It is illegal to bet on the British national lottery so the Irish one is proving itself to be a winner. Jackdow investigated the odds: You can bet on the

Wednesday and Saturday Irish draw, with bonus or with-out (without is better), the odds are only really worthwhile for correctly predicting 1-3 numbers in the draw. If you are paying just one pound for each bet, predicting one correct number wins you £6, predicting two wins £42 and predicting three wins £420. Double your bet, double your winnings.

#### Hiya Lassies

"Let ays see....Party Chicks, Straight Pegs, Skankers or

Hounds, that's the four types ay bird..... — Party Chicks can be subdivided man, intae like two groups: Hiva Lassies and sexy Feminists. Straight— Pegs are women who dinnea touch drugs, eh no man, and they shag only dull twats like themselves who are intae aw that home-and-garden shite.

These are mainstream Straight-Pegs, man, dead easy to spot. There are alternative Straight-Pegs, the kind ay po-faced feminists who read the Guardian or the Independent

and that and are intae career development paths and aw that sort ay shit. You have to watch them, if they arenae dykes, man, you can sometimes mistake them for Sexy Feminists. No always, but sometimes. — Hiya Lassies are the best but, man,

but mair ay that in a bit. Skankers drink a lot ay alcohol and shag draftpak guys. They dress crassly and seldom, if ever, touch Class As, although mair skankers are daein them now. They're a type of women whaego tae discos and dance around their handbags. Hounds are the lowest ay the low man; they'll shag anything and are often alcoholics. Hiya Lassies are so called because they always say hi-ya-uh...when they meet

actress, 50; Sir William Lith-

in the Face **Hot cow** 

Welsh's book Ecstasy reviewed

#### Christopher Fildes updates his

idea that cous could provide energy whilst being burnt, in the Spectator. The plan for cow-powered



The Face . . . book talk

electricity seems to have been anticipated by the French inventor Alphonse Aliais. His self propelled Necromobile, so I am told, combined the functions of a crematorium and a hearse. In this way the dear departed would provide sufficient fuel to drive the vehicle forward at a suitably funerea pace. I dare say this would work with cows, too.

#### Fresh cont. Carefree panty liners brain

How long does a fresh pair of knickers feel fresh? The answer is of course it More hardhitting advertising blurb from Carefree.

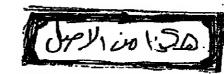
#### Cow mad

Nicki Bayley grills Eddie Izzard on his new sitcom, The Cows, which he will not be appearing in, due to the stars being ..erm.. cows! Comedy Review "It's going to be Planet of the Apes meets The Simpsons, but the Planet of The Apes characters are going to be cows.

rally. Do you have anything else to say on the subject? "With Planet of The Apes we knew .... there were chimps, gorillas and orang-utans, the gorillas were the army and the chimps and apes were scientists....and we knew that there were humans in there but we went with it! The chimps were only this big..." Eddie says, waving his arms around to approximate their size, "but they were all human sized!" Eddie then explains how, by comparison, they are fine tuning the appearence of the cows in his series. "It will be cows mixing with humans, standing up. The idea behind the series, apparently, is that during the turmoil of the General Strike in 1926, cows started walking and got the vote. It is due to appear on our screens in the Autumn of this year.

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# Finance Guardian

Labour attacks Trade Secretary for failing to deliver guidelines on electricity sector takeover bids

# Lang accused of muddle

Micholas Banniste

HE Trade and Industry Secretary Ian Lang yesterday delivered a vigor-ous defence of his decisions on takeovers of privatised utilities but failed to lay down clear guidelines on

what bids would be allowed. Mr Lang, in a sharp move away from the stance of his predecessor, Michael Heseltine, said his goal was not to create companies which would be international champions but to achieve competiinsisted that the Government

the former state-owned industries should be reshaped. But, in the same breath, he

said market forces would best determine that shape and in-sisted that he would intervene if the creation of domescompetition

Mr Lang used a keynote speech at an Adam Smith In-stitute conference on the utilities to counter increasing political pressure over his attitude towards utility takeovers.

However shadow energy secretary John Battle claimed later that the minister had done nothing to settle the confusion in the electricity secinsisted that the Government tor. "The Government is pre-had no blueprint for the way siding over an ad hoc

... There is still no

sign of a strategy."
Mr Lang, who waved through a host of hids which substantially changed the structure of the water and electricity industries before blocking others recently, justified his position by saying that the former state monopolies were still in the "transitional phase" of the move to fully competitive markets.

Some people may argue that any government action represents unwarranted interference in the market," he said. "In a fully competitive market that may be true. But

tive may be to thwart the de-

velopment of competition."

He said he was required legally to consider bids on a case-by-case basis. But the petition in the industries once monopolised by nationalised corporations," he said. "Competition is greatly to the benefit of consumers."
He pointed to the growth of

competition in the telecoms industry, with more than 100 new licences granted since the British Telecom/Mercury duopoly was ended in 1991. "The energy sectors are

ers. We are working towards

towards full competition. Until then, it was necessary,

he said, to take steps to en-

change was not snuffed out.

restructuring of the electricity industry in which condevelopments in an industry oped to supply larger industry in which consumers are barely an after that is not yet fully competitive trial and commercial customing competitive market at

"We do companies no favours in the long run by allowing them the luxury of opening the household energy market fully to competition in protection from competition But the electricity generat-ing market was still moving at home. Far from creating world class companies, such a policy produces third-rate ones such as we saw pre-pri-vatisation with British Steel British Coal, British Leyland and countless others."

sure that the process of He also ruled out any that the creation of large utilchange to the regulatory sys-tem on the grounds that it worked well and that the reg-ulators ably stimulated com-

ity companies with the scale to compete in world markets should be his top priority. "We all want world-class companies, but the best pros-pect of a company becoming a

petition. Any change, he said, would create considerable and unnecessary uncertainty Job cuts to

#### mean bigger dividends as takeover savings are found

Micholas (Jamolate **Fectinglogy Editor** 

SCOTTISH Power yester-day promised its share-holders bigger dividends after it disclosed that job cuts and restructuring at newly acquired Manweb had resulted in greater than expected savings.

The group became the first power generator to take over privatised electricity disributor when it acquired Manweb, the company serving the Merseyside and North Wales areas, for 21.1 billion in October last

Two weeks ago, Ian Lang, the Trade Secretary, stamped on similar moves towards blocked bids by National distribution companies... -

The Scottish Power chairman, Murray Stuart, yesterday announced higher profits and dividends for 1995-96 and committed the group to further rewarding shareholders with an accelerated growth in dividend payouts in the

future.

He said: "From 1996-97 the company's aim will be to schieve sustainable real dividend growth of 7 to 8 per cent Gregory Palast on late that the company values these assets at troubled utilities rather than its lowest cost operations. He motives maintaining a prudent level of dividend cover."

This compares with a previous growth rate of 5 to 6 per cent a year. The group's shares rose 7p to 374p after the improved results and dividend forecast were

problems, they only tried to get taxpayers and custom-ers to bail them out. They acted like politicians inreported.
Overall, the group's pre-tax profits, after allowing for Manweb restructuring costs, rose from £375.3 million to £404 million. The underlying profits growth before the Manweb provision was from £380.1 million to £477 million. Mr Stuart said the group had completed the major steps to restructure Manweb resulting in "the creation of controls. Mr Mullett notes greater value from the acqui-that Indiana regulators sition than originally ex-limit CINERGY's profit to 8.3 per cent on capital, one-group had achieved organic growth by investing in its Scottish businesses and in-creasing its sales to markets outside Scotland.

Manweb shed just over 1,000 employees before the takeover and a further 290 in Supply of electricity to do

Power, excluding Manweb,

## Sceptics threaten City dominance



Alex Brummer

Notebook

HERE has been so much focus of late on deals within our own financial sector that it would be easy to miss the broader changes across the European union. Sure, the UK has seen more than its fair share of trans-European deals with the take-over of much of our merchant banking sector by the likes of Dresdner Bank (which absorbed Kleinwort Benson). But, in the view of Howard Davies, the Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, this is only the the "tip of a larger

The implementation, for instance, of the European passport, which makes it eas-ier to bank across national boundaries, has led to 178 ap-plications — of which the UK as received 24, just ahead of Germany.
This has raised some regu-

latory concerns. The Bank of England, despite its Barings embarrassment, is reasonably confident that as home regulator it can cope with most things (including derivatives markets). However, it plainly has a worry that some of the less sophisticated economies of the community may have more difficulty, incre ing the risk of regulator fail-

Moreover, it is also concerned competitively that some banking markets, despite the passport, have adopted a protectionist

Perhaps the UK's biggest two other regional electricity | will be the impact of Euroscepticism on London's lead ership as a banking market place. While the German and neighbouring financial sys-tems are well into prepara-tions for the Euro, UK banks are being put at a considerable disadvantage by government doubts.

Among other things, UK banks will have to adjust their domestic payments system to treat the Euro as a foreign currency — the possibilities for legal and other confusions are obvious. Being outside EMU may seem a cool idea: but it could quickly undermine the UK's position as de facto Europe's financial

#### Lang's lament

AN LANG'S first main-speech on the future of the utilities, since the outbreak of bid fever in the sector, has left matters as clear as mud. His decision to override the advice of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and block the vertical takeovers in the industry was correct. But the idea that he was guided by some grand principle is laughable. A weak government found itself under severe blow to the real econoextreme pressure from the my and reform.

bonanza of around £35,000

each, after FirstBus, Britain's

second biggest bus operator, yesterday made a recom-mended £96 million offer for SBH, Glasgow's major bus

The staff, who all received free shares in SBH — for-

merly Strathclyde Buses -

when it was privatised in Feb-

ruary 1993, have been offered

585p for each of their shares.

Since each employee re-ceived an average of 6,000 shares during the privatisa-

tion, worth just £300 at the

time, that means the average

operator.

right, in the shape of John Redwood and Norman Lamont, and caved in. Similarly, there are good strategic reasons why the

Government should hang on to its golden shares in the power generaters, but they have much more to do with the UK's energy security than

with competition policy.

It is all very well for Mr

Lang to argue that the UK is
interested in price competition rather than national champions and that this has been a key feature of privatisation policy. But those privatisations which have worked best are precisely those which have resulted in national champions.

BA has all but mopped up

many of its competitors from British Caledonian to Dan Air; BT still has some 90 per cent of the UK telecoms market and British Steel is a dominant player in the European sector. Privatisation may have made these companies more efficient, but they are still, effectively, national

In the power sector, the UK is developing the worst of all worlds. In the case of Scottish Power, the authorities have allowed vertical integration (in this case with Manweb)
despite allegedly opposing it.
The idea that US utilities,
with their considerable problems, will bring new efficien-cies to the UK electricity market and also bring prices down is another distortion.

The US utilities see the UK as a loosely regulated system
— which has been biased towards management and owners rather than consumers — and a market where electricity prices are higher and profits can be maximised with impunity.

Under the ownership struc-ture being commended by Mr Lang, prices are likely to fall far more alowly than if we had UK-owned electricity distributors disciplined by a

#### Rand retreat

VIDESPREAD hopes that the South Afri-can model of market orientated economic policies would be a boon for the whole of southern Africa will be blunted by the latest extraordinary political develop-

The view on the financial markets has been that the presence of the National Party, with its greater business experience, in the coali-tion has meant that the country would pursue relatively cautious monetary and fiscal policies. Without it, there is concern that policy

may so awry.
This has resulted in the stock market going into freefall, while bond prices have plummeted, pushing the benchmark yield to 16.63 per cent and the rand is in severe

The authorities, which last increased interest rates to 16 per cent on April 29, are now under pressure to repeat the exercise and restore confi-

#### chance to buy pure monop-olies in power distribution not available in the US. He nances even today. Two weeks ago, the Federal Energy Regulatory Moody's Investors Ser-vices, the financial ratings ity, saved from banarance, by a government-sanctioned exemption from tage of Britain's "virtual lack of regulation of modoes not believe the Govagency, estimates that Commission announced a plan for competition in US electricity markets that threatens GPU's ability to recover its investment in letter competitive markets that the letter competitive markets or letter competition in US letter competition in ernment's plan for electric-ity competition in 1998 will continued to grow in volume terms but more strigent price controls imposed by Offer left UST over 3,000 Glaswegian bus drivers, conductors affect the monopoly sought halted dividends for four by the Americans. Gregory Palast is a leading US and mechanics are to share

and its stock fell by more third of the return earned

Paul Ryder directed the expert on utilities regulation.

Raiders zap Sony's video game battle base | Inntrepreneur sells 1,410 pubs in push for quality Kevin Rafferty in Tokyo

the motives

targeting UK

**WO American utilities** 

which have announced

a £1.73 billion agree

ment to buy Midlands Elec-

tricity have a history of los-

ing costly battles with US

regulators and consumer

organisations.
It is becoming increasingly clear that Britain is

attracting America's least

efficient operators, seeking the sanctuary of a lightly

of New Jersey is best

known as the owner of Three Mile Island nuclear

plant. In March 1979, par-tial melting of the plant's fuel core nearly bank-

rupted the utility. The di-saster haunts GPU's fl-

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APANESE anti-monopoly officials raided the headquarters of Sony Corporation's video game unit yesterday. The offices raided are those of Sony Computer Entertainment, which markets PlayStation, the popular 32-bit games console which is about to be come a key player in a bitter

video game war.

the Fair Trade Commission. The suspicion was, however. The suspicion was, however, that the watchdog was looking for evidence that Sony Computer had infringed the anti-monopoly law by putting unfair pressure on the retailers of PlayStation. The game has made a successful debut but now faces a reinvigorated super Mario game, featuring Super Mario game, featuring the plumber hero championing rival Nintendo's platform. · Super Mario returns in souped-up 64-bit form next

above market value. Next month GPU must

face a civil suit brought by

neighbours of the Three Mile Island plant who

claim their cancers stem

CPIT's 50 per cent periner

in the Midlands deal, CIN-

RRGY Corporation of Ohio, has been ordered by regula-

tors and courts to refund to

customers and write-off a total of \$366 million in the

last two years, penalties for poorly managed plant con-

struction programs.

Houston Industries,
much-rumoured as a competing bidder for Midlands
or London Electricity, is

now refunding \$257 million

to customers to compensate for the safety-related shut-

down of its South Texas nu-clear plant. Houston, which last year failed in a bid for

Norweb, faces potentially huge losses under the new US competition rules.

from 1979.

it had taken place, nor would month, seeking to recapture the Fair Trade Commission. share. Nintendo used to have 90 per cent of the Japanese video game market but this video game market but this has dropped to about 40 per cent since Sony and Sega challenged with 32-bit technology in late 1994.

The new game will sell in Japan for 25,000 yen (£160); slightly more than Sony and Sega's machines, both of which have cut their prices in ad-

Hot property... Legal fallout from the Three Mile Island disaster still haunts GPU, a partner in the Midlands Electricity deal PHOTOGRAPH DENS THORPE

than its lowest cost opera-tors? Matt Friedman, ener-

gy policy analyst for Ralph Nader's organisation, Pub-lic Citizen, claims the American companies with

the poorest investment re-

cords have chosen to flee

the coming of competition

in the US market.
"If you're a troubled nu-

Fremont says American companies find in the UK "a quick return at low risk", because Britain

offers foreigners the rare

CINERGY's troubles have

US predators become a power in the land

have cut their prices in advance of up Mario's return.
Nintendo, according to its
critics, will struggle because its software for the new ma-chine uses a read-only mem-

NNTREPRENEUR, the joint venture between Grand Metropolitan and the Australian company, Foster's Brewing Group, has sold a further 1,410 pubs for £262 million,

Black January. On January 21, 1984, CINERGY, then with the more prosaic

name of Cincinnati Gas and

Electric, halted construc-tion of the Zimmer nuclear

plant, although 97 per cent

complete. Investigators

found the plant's builders

had falsified welding re-cords, forged inspectors'

Five days earlier, the

company's Indiana unit cancelled the Marble Hill

nuclear project after crimi-

nal indictments of electri-

cal contractors working on

the plant. The Indiana utility, saved from bankruptcy

clear utility like GPU, signatures and threatened you've got to be worried workers who blew the

'Rather than fix their problems, they

Moody's analyst Paul than half.

tried to get customers to bail them out'

that you will lose your core | whistle on these practices. business to the lower-cost | The utility and its partners operators," said Mr | recorded a \$861 million loss

pubs from the GrandMet and Courage estates. But this has gradually been whittled down as the debt-laden company sought to concentrate on the best pubs in its portfolio. "Clearly what we are trying | will also be considered. to do is move the company to

insolvency in the 1980s. He questions the utility's man-

agement philosophy. "Rather than fix their

stead of managers," with a penchant for seeking gov-ernment subsidies he be-

lieves remains today. Indiana attorney Michael

Mullett, who has tracked CINERGY for two decades, maintains that Britain pro-

vides a refuge for combat-

ive American utilities seek-

ing escape from stricter US

by Midlands Electricity.

A GPU spokesman told the Guardian yesterday

that his company hopes to,

"learn about customer

choice and competition in

the United Kingdom".
'An unconvinced Mr Mul-

lett counters that the Amer

to a company called Spring Inns, which is 38 per cent owned by insurer Guardian Royal Exchange. Foster's and 2 per cent of the shares.

One deterrent to potential

Whereas it takes a week to a more profitable position purchasers is that all the process CD-ROM titles, ROM and increase shareholder cartridges require two value," said an Imprepreneur established at the time Imprespokeswoman. "The sale of preneur was set up — to Cour- were also sold off. nonins.

these puls is another step in age, now Scottish Courage focusing Inntrepreneur as a quality pub estate."

The latest batch of pubs to Some groups of pubs might 270 elsewhere in the South east. Spring Inns will also have 170 pubs in Yorkshire and 150 in the North-west.

shareholding is worth £35,100 under the terms of the offer. Inntrepreneur has suffered But while the employees own two-thirds of the comtotal of 556 Chef & Brewer outlets. Small groups is Stagecosch. Britain's nigamounting to a further 700, gest private bus operator.

agreed to sell its shares to FirstBus, which it values in its books at £8.9 million, for £23.9 million.

Bonanza for the bus drivers

with share in Glasgow sale

The bonanzas were attacked by Labour's transport spokesman, Brian Wilson, be the travelling public and taxpayers. However, Peter Shaw,

SBH's executive director, denied last night that the direc-tors and employees were "fat cats", and insisted they deserved the windfall



reactors. Analysts calcu- Why has Britain drawn

Sony did not comment on the raid, other than to confirm that

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ory (ROM) cartridge rather than the newer CD-ROM disc.

reducing its estate to just under 3.000.

**Roger Covre** 

1991, Inntrepreneur had 8,450

be sold has been transferred

GrandMet own the remaining Spring Inns is only a tempo-rary home for the batch of

pubs. A buyer or buyers will now be sought, preferably for the whole estate although a single buyer is thought un-likely. Offers from individual Inntrepreneur leaseholders

Some groups of pubs might be of interest to regional brewers. Some are in rural areas of East Anglia, Wales and the South-west, but 200 are in London and a further

from poor quality and histor-ic under-investment in many of its pubs and has disposed of several batches in the past few years. Phoenix Inns

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pany, seven of SBH's direc-tors — who collectively control another 12 per cent of the group — all stand to become bought the largest batch of millionaires, assuming the 1,800, while S&N acquired a sale goes through.

gest private bus operator, which currently owns a 22 per



Long haul ... A 72ft limousine which seats 38 people and bends in the middle for cornering has been completed by Uitra Kustom Coach of California. It was ordered by Sheik Hamad Bin Hamdan Al-Nahyan of the United Arab Emirates to transport him and his entourage during visits to the United States. It cost £1.2 million and will be available for rent when not in use by the sheik

Retail sector reports new rush in high streets but tempo on production lines slows

## Easter shopping spree revives hopes that recovery is in store

conomics Correspondent

N EASTER shopping spree gave a fresh boost to Britain's high streets last month, rekindling hopes of a consumer-led economic revival during 1996, a survey published today shows.

Retailers enjoyed their busiest month for more than two years in April, according to the Confederation of British Industry's latest snap-shot of shops and stores — easing fears that the new year pickup in high street activity is running out of steam.

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ures. "It is encouraging that the increases in sales vol-umes in March were carried through into April," he said.

Responding to the CBI's monthly poll of 15,000 shops and stores, 49 per cent of high street outlets said trade was brisker last month than in the same period last year, compared with 17 per cent report-ing that sales had dropped. The gap of 32 percentage

points between these two figures was sharply up on the 27-point difference reported in March — and the highest since December 1993, the CBI

Mr Eperon said the high street pick-up was set to continue, but warned that predicspring might prove to be over-Retailers are confident sales trade will pick up fur-

ther in May, but the experience of the last two months suggests the pace of growth may be more modest than they currently expect," he The retailers' positive out-

look is good news, however, for suppliers, who saw the volume of orders placed rise to its highest level since the end of 1993. Wholesalers also reported a sharp pick-up in

Only motor traders said it was a gloomy month, with respondents saying that sales were flat in April after steady growth in the first three

Factory figures 'show need for rate cut'

upbeat figures for car sales | hardware, ching and DIV published last week. | stores, recording a bumper The CBI said the recovery in vehicle sales was erratic and anecdotal evidence sug

gests that car sales varied by region, so that some areas could be accounting for most of the sales, leaving other parts of the country in the On the high street, clothing and footwear stores saw a marked pick-up in business

in April as consumers flocked to buy warm-weather clothes. Off-licences benefitted from growing demand for cool drinks, while book shops and stationers recorded weaker growth in sales.

Household-related spending

stores, recording a bumper month, according to the CBI

A CBI economist said that lthough people might not be ready to move house, some families could be investing in existing property — possibly with an eye to a future sale. Figures from the Depart ment of the Environment pub-

lished yesterday confirmed that higher house prices had not yet pushed up the rate of house-building. In March construction began on 14,800 houses, against 16,300 in the same month last year. Housing starts in the first

quarter of 1996 were unthree months, while comple

## Capital sniffs air in India after turning up volume at home

#### Outlook

Roger Cowe

Radio is preparing to shatter the airwaves of Bombay and Delhi may fuel talk of cultural

In fact, it is just another ex ample of how Britain's com-mercial radio industry has grown up, and how maturing western industries seek con tinued growth by attempting to transplant their skills into

developing economies. Richard Eyre, Capital's managing director, announcconfirmed yesterday that the London-based company hopes to sign a deal with a joint-venture partner in India within months, although broadcasting depends on new legislation and is unlikely to begin much before 1999.

Mr Eyre also has an eye on other international possibilities, although New Zealand and South Africa have been rejected. "Barely a week goe by without someone bringing us a new opportunity.

He stressed that the company has not gone overboard on overseas expansion. "We will do it solely where we find

earnings," he said. Indeed, Capital's new internationalism is matched by hyperactivity in the UK. Despite its identification

with London since the birth of commercial radio in 1973, Capital owns six other stations, including BRMB in Birmingham, Invicts in Kent and Fox in Oxford. Now it is bidding for licences in the East Midlands and in York-shire. Talk about cultural

This is all part of an explosion which last year helped commercial radio overtake the BBC in terms of

Capital Radio

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total audience listening. It

has also seen radio's share of

stuck at 2 per cent.
The advertising growth is partly a reflection of the huge increase in the number of stations over the past few

Capital has been busy working to expand the radio advertising market. With other leading groups owning radio interests, such as EMAP and Virgin, it estab-lished the Radio Advertising Bureau (RAB) — a kind of public relations agency for

Advertising

food and drink usually considered the territory of visual media. But it is a cyclical business. This week's sale of Vival - the women's-interest station launched last year shows that success isn't automatic even in an expanding

Capital went into the ex-pansion in pole position, as the largest and first of the commercial stations. That is both positive and negative competition is bound to reduce its share of the mar-ket, but the loyalty of such an established audience is hard for competitors to deflect.
The chart shows that the

main FM station in London has fared reasonably well in the face of competition, but Capital Gold, which broad-casts on AM, has seen its share slip substantially. The company hopes to reverse that trend by winning a new FM licence which would be come the new home for the

classic pop station.
As a whole, Capital still has a strong hold over the capi-tal's ears and a substantial lead over second-placed Virgin. But diversification is irresistible. Hence India and the decision to set up a Capital Radio Café on the ground floor of new premises in advertising double over the Leicester Square when the past few years. That share is company moves from the still less than 5 per cent, but landmark Capital Tower. If it landmark Capital Tower. If it in the company's other ven-

ues around the country.

Then there is the Internet. Every self-respecting media company is groping on to the net these days, and Capital hopes to have a web site before the end of the year. Mr Eyre believes it could become much more than a token

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"There could be an opportunity for us to move into classified advertising and into retailing. It would be making an intelligent use of our remains | brand values.

strong, with inroads being Today the in made into sectors such as row the world.

#### or Kenneth Clarke to lysts said, the unusually cold Briscoe said: "An increasrevive the flagging facwarnings that recent optistart to the year boosted deingly strong case can be put mand. mism about Britain's ecothat the economy is in danger of drifting back into recesrate cut strengthened last The Office for National Stanomic performance was tistics, which published the March production data yesnight as official figures sion. If the recovery fails to HSBC economist Ian Sheptaka hold, rates will be cut." terday, estimated that total has slid into recession. herdson said: "Looking There were signs that fac-

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ahead, recent survey evidence points to stagnation at best, with a real chance of fur-0.2 per cent — in manufactur- run down their excess stocks. | had anticipated, so that de-

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An improvement in demand for consumer goods — further evidence of the two-sided story of the economy's ble goods, which include items like washing machines, televisions and cars, rose by 1.7 per cent in the three months to March. But this category accounts for only 6 per cent of the overall manpulled down by falls in capital

over-full shelves rather than

#### Belgians seek Dassault boss over bribery allegations

Julie Wolf in Brussels

HR Belgium authorities have issued an interna-Serge Dassault, head of the French defence group, and the latest prominent figure to become embroiled in the country's long-running cor-ruption scandal.

Belgian judicial sources said yesterday that evidence from Switzerland had led

them to put out the warrant for Mr Dassault.

This latest move follows a Belgian parliamentary report last year that linked the Dassault group with a scandal in volving payments to the Flemish Socialist Party in exchange for defence contracts. The scandal rocked Belgium's political establishment and led to a number of ministerial

resignations.

The parliament heard alle gations that Mr Dassault paid bribes of Fr10 million (£1.3 million) when Dassault Electronique secured a contract in 1989 to equip Belgian fighter planes with a sophisti-cated electronic system. Mr Dassault, honorary

chairman of the electronics company and chairman of Dassault Aviation, has consistently denied the allegations.
The Belgian parliamentary report also prompted the resignation of Willy Claes from

his post as NATO secretary general. Mr Claes, a Flemish socialist, was economics minister at the time the Dassault payments are said to have taken place. The report also linked Mr Class with alleged payments

by Italian helicopter maker Agusta to the Flemish socialists in exchange for a military Mr Dassault yesterday denied involvement in the scan-

dal and said that, fearing he might be put in jail, he had refused a request to answer questions in a Belgian court two weeks ago. A series of bribery scandals in recent years have claimed the careers of more than half a dozen prominent Flemish

and French socialists. Investi-

gations into the Agusta affair

were touched off by the still

unexplained murder of Bel-

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HERE can be no com-plaints about Geoff Wragg's ability to win races with Prize Giv-ing, who took yesterday's Dee Stakes at Chester, but the Newmarket trainer would certainly not collect any awards for taking the colt out of the Epsom Derby at the last

Pentire, but curiously none of | chance to?

them was given the opportu-nity to run in the Derby.

Mindful of the cost, Wragg tends to be conservative with his entries, but some of his owners might want to him to display a shade more confi-dence and ambition.

Both Beneficial and Pentire went on to win the Predominate Stakes at Goodwood following their wins here and that final Derby trial is probably next for Prize Giving, who is also earmarked for Royal

is also earmarked for Royal
Ascot.
Wragg does not appear worried that he might have dropped a clanger with Prize Giving as he rates him "a good horse without heing ton."

Kevin Prendergast, the winning trainer, has big plans for the winner, who will go to Royal Ascot for the Hardwicke Stakes and could be an Giving as he rates him "a good horse without heing ton."

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2.10 ESF CALDEN HAIDER STAKES 2YO IN C3,754

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503011 JUST BOR (2) (CD) 2 Kentreeli 7-9-8 ... DOS-G1 ROCKCRACKER (4) G Mergerson 4-9-8

TOP PORM TIPS: Just Bob 8, Linewick Princess 7, Teasy 6

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11-400- BERAND (160) (CD) G Moore 4-8-4
11-400- BERAND (160) (CD) G Moore 4-8-4
100-03 DIST (25) (D) Miss L Perrati 10-9-2
100-05 PRIMITED WAY (1-4) W Barker 7-9-13
100-06 POLLI PIN (4) W Bristourne 4-9-10
100-105 PEARLS OF THOUGHT (6) J Hakkers 3-7-10
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0054-0 MRLETBAR CITY (16) J Berry 9-0
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046-0 SES GARDER (20) T Exister 76 -11
040-2 GERGE (22) W Exory 8-7
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1 040-012 PALACISCATE TOUCH (2) (CD) J Berry 8-9-11

2 02300 JUNGLE PATEOL (3) (C) M Brissin 4-9-1

3 04003-0 LANGLES PATEOL (3) (C) E Alsion 5-9-5

4 3-28135 SERBOUS FACT (78) (D) MR 1 Stable 4-9-5

5 00005-9 VALANT MAN (460) J VANTON 5-9-5

2 00005-9 VALANT MAN (460) J VANTON 5-9-5

5 20002-0 MRSS CHARLE (13) T Vall 8-8-12

7 STAR DANGES J Norton 3-9-2

6 (SS)-000 TALLITAN BELLE (13) N Liminoten 3-9-1

2 (SS)-000 TALLITAN BELLE (13) N Liminoten 3-7-12

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MKT PASEN 105 205 and Danchill Dancer in the likely 10-strong line up.

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Carlisle

2.10 Reconditi

2.40 Just Sob

Prize Giving is a flashy chestmut and, like many of this particular colour. does not appear over-keen on the game, carrying his head high and laying back his ears.

But Michael Hills, who rode him, but's it down to the colt

him, puts it down to the colt having a "light mouth" and says that no aspertions should be cast about his enthusiasm. By contrast, Wragg is cool

of the Epsom Derby at the last forfeit stage.

Wragg has made a habit of wiming the Dee Stakes and Prize Giving gave him a hattrick in the race following the victories of Beneficial and Pantire but surjoyely none of charge in?

By contrast, Wragg is cool on the recently mooted wild card Derby entry. He believes it would be invidious and cause ill-feeling, commenting: "How do you choose which horse you're going to offer the

"A supplementary entry 10 days beforehand costing around £40,000 is the best way. The British Horseracing Board ought to be able to

bring this about." The Irish challenger Oscar Schindler was a decisive winner of the Ormonde Stakes and, even though Minds Music led into the straight, it

....G Duffield Svi ....K Pallon 14: ....Weever 104: ....Dide Giffeen 12: ....K Durley 5: ....D Harrham 2: ....B Colon 6: ....J Oxion 6: ....S D Williams 44: ....Bertin Durpir (7) 134:

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Off to Paris

3.40 Proud Image

6.10 ZARHARITER (nam)

Bettings 10-11 Recordste, 4-1 Bernburgh Boy, 9-2 Flobille, 6-1 Red Romance, 12-1 Inquisif, 18-Penchculation.

Betting: 4-1 Just Bob. 9-2 Linertol Princess. 5-1 Rockcracker, 6-1 Tenor, 8-1 Pride Ol Whalley. 10-1 Kung Frads. 12-1 Rinus Manor.

4.10 The Butterwick Kid



On the list . . . Oscar Schindler (centre) takes the Ormonde Stakes from Election Day and Minds Music PHOTOGRAPH GEORGE SELWH

get a run, but finished fourth two lengths in front of Classic lengths in front of Classic lengths." Said Prendergast. "He's grown into his frame such an assertion. now and is improving all the time. He's got a great cruising speed and a turn of foot."

2.30 LIND CLADENS STAKES 270 21 12,746

TOP FORM TIPS: For Old Times Sales 2, MS End Cirl 7

01 FOR OLD TIMES SAKE (11) (D) J Serry 8-10 2234 RESH FICTION (10) (BF) M Channon 8-8 ... 4511 MILL END GREL (16) (D) M W Sasierby 8-7

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Bottings 6-4 Grazza, 3-1 Speeg On, 5-1 SAUR, 6-1 Garmire, 6-1 Manolo, Nather.

494-633 RVAL QUEEN (39) M Parmord 4-6-6
30-032 METER THE (41) MT V ACCHE 4-6-7
2656-0 WESTERN HORSZON (15) C Britan 4-5-5
20-04 STRATERIC PAY (15) Mrs J Remeter 3-4-5
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20-040 SOSS CHIME (15) J L Parray 6-6
20-040 SESSEME (26) M Britain 6-7-12
2004-05 SESTEL SANGER (175) Mr V Acceley 5-7-10
2000-5 MORTHERH GLAN (15) M W Exemply 3-7-10

3 BLISHESD (23) M Tompless 9-0 ...

8 LATH LOYER (22) M Camacho 9-1

9 MILETHAM FTT-OUT (12) C Britzis 9-5

2 MORTH SONG (28) J Goode 9-0 ...

9 PENYDANS (8UP/NO (22) J Goode 9-0 ...

5-0 SERBOSPTY (28) (8F) J Dunlop 8-0 ...

9- HOT DOGGING (234) Mrs P Sty 5-9 ...

4.30 EEF EIDENDS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES 270 SI C1,782

5100-00 COMMANDER GLEN (25) (D) Nrs J Ransdon 4-5-12 20045-0 TRATCHED (21) (D) R Burr 6-3-11 200-00 SUBMINIS GROUD (b) (CD) R Fahry 5-8-11 200-00 SUBMINIS GROUD (b) (CD) R Fahry 5-8-11 D0000-5 LEGAL SHIFT (15) J Weinwright 4-5-5 20000-5 LEGAL SHIFT (19) (CT) T Exercity 4-3-4 0020-00 SEAL-NYR (21) (C) (D) Nrs 5 Austin 6-8-4 1144-00 COMEDY RIVERS (11) N SECTO-2-8-2

131 10001-0 COMENTY RIVER (17) N Berry 9-8-2
13 18122-0 HARSTA (13) 6007 J Warts 17-13
14 06000 ARSTON (16) J Parker 4-70
15 55070-0 GREY (UNGDOM (31) M Brissio 5-7-10
16 6000-0 MARY MACRILARI (44) (00) J HARTS 7-7-10
17 00005-0 MEMICATE BUSH (81) 8 Marray 4-7-10

BRANLING SPRINGS M W Emistry 6-0
COLOREL'S PRINCE R Whither 9-0
COLOREL'S PRINCE P Hatter 9-0
SPRINGLILLICKS (74) (87) A Harron 6-0
ALPRIE TIME D Loder 8-0

AYREFECERL Mrs J Cool 8-9 .... 6 EMELYJELL (27) J O'Ston 8-9 ... 0 CMPSY PROJECTES (6) M W East

1 54-1000 SUVALU (11) (D) M Meagher 4-10-0 ....

TOP PORSETTPS: Rical Queen 8, Strategio Play 7, Guid Designe 6
Bettings 2-1 Strategic Play, 7-2 Auctorose, Gold Desire, 8-1 Never Time, Plysi Queen, 10-1 Camp 12-1 Porzair, 16-1 Morthera Clen.

T D- HOT DOGARMA (SAN) HAT F by 6-4
TOP PORM TIPS: Merth Song a, Sarendipily 7
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Bettings 5-4 Albre Tros., 2-1 Spondusets. 4-1 Apheepri. 5-1 Brawing Springs. 14-1 Going For Broks 20-1 Colone's Pade.

Bellings 9-4 For Clis Times Gaks, 5-2 Irah Fisson, 7-2 Lewist Ford, 4-1 Mill End Girl, 10-1 Shandana, 16-Malile, 50-1 Lock-Hurn Ledy

Beverley

2.30 Irish Setion

3.00 Speed On

Election Day ran on well to snatch second from Minds Music on the post and ran a Prendergast rates Oscar remarkable race for a horse Schindler one of the best he has trained and as he had his fract only three weeks "He was unlucky in the has trained and as he had his fract onl Irish Derby, where he didn't first Chester winner way previously.

4.00 North Sou

4.30 Alpine Time

pitting him against group

Kevin Darley had gone 68 seven year-old did it in his rides without a winner until own time after being ridden Antonia's Choice broke his three furlongs out.

No one could accuse | nightmare spell by making all Michael Stoute, his trainer, of in the opening Sceptre lacking ambition with this Maiden Fillies Stakes. colt and there are plenty of trainers who would have made hay in handicaps before rame when he completed a

double on Highborn in the Wynn Handicap, although the

### Market Rasen (N.H.) tonight

5.25 King's Tream

7.55 Just Churlio

6.00 SECCELLESEY THE HOVICE HUNDLE 2m 17 110yeb 22,164 00 BEACON FLIGHT (45) B De Hean S-11-3 00- BROWN AND MILD (266) John Berry S-11 PADES-P CHLICKLES (4) Miss D Smith E-11-3 DOF2-2F CRUMBOON (14) Mrs L Taylor F-11-3 20340 HORBIGATH (77) Mrs M Revelev 5-11 20340 PEGASUS BAY (30) W Hsigs 5-11-3 SHRILEYS THEM MR J Brown 5-11-3 489 SELENT GUISS (155) C Egyrton 7-11-3 (4-P PRICTION POPPY (7) W AND 6-11-3 3CO POPUM (181) W M STOR 5-10-12 POSC CRAMMELLA (21) S Kelly 4-10-7 s 5-2 Highbouth, 9-2 Grondon, 5-1 Stiert Gure, 8-1 Pagasus Bay, 10-1 Crambesta, Popin, 12 Flieht.

6.25 GEOSTAR MOVICES HERITER CHASE Ameteurs las de 110yas C2,006

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3	142411 DEAR DO (21) N Henderson 9-16-18	
4	444545 RODEO STAR (21) N Tinklet 10-10-4	
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#### Stratford National Hunt evening card

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6.15 Bertone 6.40 Potter's Bay 7.10 Conti d'Estruvai 6.15 RICHARDSONS OLDBURY HOVICE CRASE 2m St 110yds 04,214 212341 RESTORE (4) K Saley 7-11-8 413631 FOOLS ESTAND (47) G Balding 6-11-8 0551F1 MERICRO (22) D Savorb 8-11-8 3 ronne | O PRACHELL TROPHY (SEVECT HISOLE) am 6f 110yds (2,58
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P-3063 AM SPALPON FASIACH (13) M MicCormack 7-11-0
0 CAMDINI WAY (11) M WEALAND 6-11-0
0 FOLDER MASH (58) A Jones 5-11-0
55 MOONLIGHTER (17) C Juckson 6-10-9
55-FRS SERTIN SOURCE (10) D ENVIS 5-10-8
51PP24 FAMTASTNC FLEET (22) Miss Jacqueline S Doyle 4-10-7 CAYMAN KAI (Richard Han-non) and Gothersberg (Mark Johnston) have been supple-mented for Sunday's Poule d'Es-7.10 RICHARDSONS DEVELOPMENTS HANDICAP CHARS 2m 5f 110 yds 28,913
1 SASAN BANARD DEBU (15) N Gesciec 8-12-0 C Lieuw
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2 S-2223 QLENOT (154) (C) (O) (BF) K Balley B-11-11 R Durw
2 FST(11) COMTI PESTRUPIAL (20) (C) (D) G Belding 8-11-4 R Durw
4 IRRES CROSHLA (13) (O) M PDs 8-11-0 D Bridge
5 Z311-SF SYDNEY BARRY (9) R BANARY 11-10-0 B Powel CARLISLE 102 202 sai des Poulains (French 2,000 Guineas) at Longchamp and join British raiders Kahir Almay dam, Don Micheletto, Tagula

6.15 Bertone 6.40 Potter's Bay	7.40 Indian Joskey (nk) 8.10 Zem Hee	2 22455-6 ROUTING (323) N Artitle 8-11-6	A P MaCoy
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14 ran. NS. sh hd. (W Muir) Tote: £17.30; £4.70, £2.80, £1.70. Dual F: £262.40. Tric: £250.40. CSF: £153.50. Tricest: £579.92. A50 (1ss 3f 160%de): 1, PRINCE DAM-ZIG, Dano O'Neill (2-1 tev): 2, Ainchested Menters (5-1); 3, Risky To (5-1); 1, 17 cs. £, hd. (D. Muirrey Smith) Toter £4.10; £1.50, £2.50, £1.40. Dual F: £10.30. Tric: £21.40. £250; £1.80. Dual F: £10.30. Tric: £21.40. £3.50 (1ss 1f 200%de): 1, ROMAN REEL, \$Whittenorth (2-1 tev); 2, Arabesphilik (12-1); 3, Hussy & Rights (25-1), 13 ran. Sh hd. 13. (G L. Moore) Tote: £4.00; £2.50, £3.00, £5.60. Dual F: £2.20. Tric: £50.40, £50; £2.50, £3.50. Dual F: £2.20. Tric: £50.40. £50; £50. Dual F: £2.20. Tric: £50.20. £50. £1.20. £1.50. Dual F: £12.20. Tric: £3.00. £50. £1.20. £1.20. £1.50. E1.20. £ 2.10 (5f 16yds): 1, ANTONIA'S CHOICE, K Darley (5-2): 2, Swift Refusal (15-2): 3, Desceid Princess (2-1 tay), 7 ran 3, 2 (J Berry) Tote 23.70: 22.20, 22.90, Dual F 15.40, CSF 179.14, LAD (1 to 27 75 yels): 1, PRIZE QIVING, M Hills (9-4 tov); 2, Desert Boy (9-1); 3, West-A filtents (8-1). 7 ran. 2, 2 (G Wrapp) Tots: (2-70; 11-70, 13.50, Dust F F14.90, CSF: £15.14 114.50. CSF: £15.14.
2.10 (Sf 16yde): 1, ANZIO, R Cochrane
(6-1): 2, Lago df Varmao (10-1): 3, Ziggg's
Dancer (6-1). 11-4 tav Mr Oscar. 11 ran. Nk.
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£2.20. £1.70. Dual F: £27.60. The: £84.70.
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3.40 (1m 5f 89yds): 1, OSCAR
SCHIMELKR, M J Kinane (11-4); 2, Elsetion Day (10-1); 3, Minds Masic (2-1 ba),
7 ran. 11, 4 htd. (K Prander grast) Tota: 23, 10,
11.70, 13.40, Dual F 116.00, CSF: 125.82, NR
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(8-1). 5-1 fav Samwar. 18 ran. 2, 1X, shd. (P
Felgale) Tote: 05 40: 52.00, 55.70, 56.10.
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£108.25 Triceat: £1,943.45. £108.25 Tricest £1,843.45.
4.40 (1st 4f 68/945): 1, ORINOCO RITURE, D Harrisco (9-1); 2, Leoding Spaint (11-2); 3, Febs (5-4 fav) 10 ran. 4, an hd. (F Chappis-Hyam) 10te: £15.80; £2.90, £2.00, £1.40. Dasi F: £42.80, Tric: £52.20. CSF-55 (8. Tricest £98.04. JACKPOTE £17.482.20. £19.675 79 carried over to Lendfield today.

2.20(5f 59yds): 1, WAIT FOR FIOSIE, PP Murphy (6-4), 2, Johnt Venture (5-5 tay); 3, effecty Cay (20-1). 4 ran, 5h hd, 5, (M Channon) Tota EZ-40, Dual F: £1:30, CSF:

SOUTHWELL

2.00 (56): 1, FONEY, F Norton (5-2); 2, Come Too Manager's (8-13 lav); 3, Kommato (7-1), 6 ran, 15, 8, (R Boss) Tole: C4.30; C2.10, E1.10, Dual F: (E1.80, GSF: C4.90, 2.30) (1suir \*1, EAGLE CARVOM, J Shack (13-2); 2, People Direct (3-1); 3, Primeses Penopaddy (14-1), 2-1 lav Bt of Bother, 13 ran, 1, 4, (B Hanbury) Tole: C12.00; C2.10, C1.20, C2.90, Dual F: C22.01, Tric: £142.10, CSF: £29.31, AR: Tashiniya.

2.00 (25)\*\* 1, CHERNES GREEK, N Connorton (12-1); 2, Bay Cherrywell (4-1); 3, Nissty-Free (10-1); 4, Little Scholeser (12-1); 2, 18v Cherrywell (4-1); 3, Nissty-Free (10-1); 4, Little Scholeser (12-1); 2, 18v Forts (81), 18 ran, 18 (Mine J Craze) Tole: £22.70; E3.50, C1.10, £4.00, E2.80, Dual F: C32.00, NF: Summer Princess.

2.30 (77): 1, PRINCEPAL BOY, 1, Charlock (7-1); 2, Elsen Ledger (7-1); 3, Awesome Vesthars (7-1), 3-1 tav Maybank, 10 ran, Nk, Mc (T Etherington) Tole: £6.00, C1.40, E2.10, E2.80, Dual F: C31.20, Tric: E24.80, CSF: E57.44, Trics: E348.10, 4.00 (65)\* 1, KLFSPHINGER, J Stack (9-2), 1, 44 fav Nitson' Raider, 15 can, 3, 4 (B Rothwell) Tole: £1000, Tric: Not von, CSF: E106.58, 4.30 (1m 46): 1, CUBAN MINGETS, A Clark (9-1); 2, Jean de Floretta (10-1); 3, Turnpering (5-1), 7-2 fav Tiger Enoot, 14 ran, 3, 5, 18 Levesliyn) Tole: C10.00, E56, C30, CSF: E102.35, Usal F: E54.00, Tric: E126.40, CSF: E102.35, Trics: E34.20, PLACEPOT: E33.10, QUADPOT: £10.67, PLACEPOT: E30.10, PLACEPOT: E30.10, PLACEPOT: E30.10, PLACEPOT: E30.10, PLACEPOT: E3 2.50 (67 203yds); 1, West-Jones (12-1);
3, Red Time (20-1); 13-3 fav Dally Risk, 11 (6-1); 2, Jean de Florette (10-1); 1, Jean de Florette (10-1); 1, Jean de Florette (10-1); 2, Jean de Florette (10-1); 3, Jean Hight (10-1); 2, Jean de Florette (10-1); 3, College Right (3-1 lay); (6-1); 2, Jean de Florette (10-1); 3, College Right (3-1 lay); (6-1); 2, Jean de Florette (10-1); 3, College Right (3-1 lay); (6-1); 2, Jean de Florette (10-1); 3, Jean

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# United await the final analysis

ings of Bremner's Leeds team

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the ball players were allowed

appears a luxury by today's standards. Even Liverpool's

European Cup-winning sides

had a fraction more time to

Even so, no English team has produced better football

at a more stunning pace than

Daiglish's Liverpool team of

1987-88, the side whose 5-0 victory over an accomplished

Nottingham Forest late in

that season had Tom Finney

don denied that team the

think and act.

David Lacey compares the current Old Trafford team with some legendary forebears ahead of a date with destiny at Wembley legendary forebears ahead of a date with destiny at Wemblev

Doubles are around, and if Manchester United become the first club to repeat the feat of winning League and FA Cup in the same season, they will no doubt be halled as the greatest English team of all time, or certainly the best ever to come out of Old

Should Liverpool be beaten at Wembley tomorrow it will tistics. Alex Ferguson's United have just won their third Premier League title in four years and are about to appear in their third successive Cup final, a feat achieved only by Arsenal and Everton

PERLATIVES | the championship in 1973-74 | all the time, both mentally ound when and various Liverpool teams | and physically. Watch recordwhen and various Liverpool teams around, of the late Seventies and albetter in certain fundamental

> Bremner, Paul Madeley and Peter Lorimer, with Johnny the culmination of 10 years work under Don Revie. Its passing and movement have rarely been bettered.

The Liverpool side of Kevin Keegan and Steve Heighway. surprisingly beaten by Man-chester United in the 1977 Cup final, had already won the league and went on to win that he never thought he the European Cup four days later. Liverpool won three play so well; and still Wimblemore European Cups, a feat that still leaves them in a league of their own when discussing English classics.

second Double in three sea-sons that United will be seek-Yet football is quickening

ans's team over Antield's bit-terest rivals would leave the fans to hug themselves for the rest of the summer, few would

deny that the best of the pres-ent Liverpool is yet to come. Manchester United's followers can argue, with more jus-tification, that within the confines of Old Trafford history the team they have watched this season has few peers. Only those of a certain age are in a position to disagree because here we are talking

Manchester United won the European Cup in 1968 but no championships between 1967 and 1993, which narrows the scope for comparisons. The team of George Best, Bobby Charlton and Denis Law had a drawing power and a capacity to enthral that Eric Cantona and Ryan Giggs are only just beginning to recap-ture, but comparing like with Lift the ban on foreigners a

decade earlier, put Cantona into the Sixties side, and only a streak by Brigitte Bardot would have been more calcu-lated to take Old Trafford's breath away. Peel the years off Nobby Stiles and include him in the present team, and while his football would be up to the mark, he would not be on the field long enough to prove it.

Best, Charlton and Law might fit into any United team in any age, but 30 years ago the Giggs we have been watching this season would have left them all choking on his vapour trails. Alex Step ney was an accomplished goalkeeper but a forerunner of Peter Schmeichel he was

The strong injection of youth in today's Manchester United side has inevitably drawn parallels with the Bus by Babes and what they pean Cup semi-finals at the time of the 1958 Munich air

Eddie Colman and Duncar Edwards, both 21, and David Pegg and Bill Whelan, 22, all died; among the survivors were Ken Morgans (18). Bobby Chariton (20), and John Berry (21). In the present team, Giggs is 22, David Beckham, Nicky Butt, Paul Scholes and Gary Neville are 21, and Phil Neville is 19.

At the end of the season before Munich. Aston Villa de-nied Old Trafford the century's first Double after United had their goalkeeper Ray Wood injured at Wembley. So, in a way, tomorrow's side will be picking up where the Babes left off, although Fergu-son's Champions' League cre-

dentials still await validation. Certainly a repetition of the dramas and fluctuations of the 1948 final, when the Manchester United team of Carey. Delaney, Morris, Pearson and Mitten came from behind to beat a Blackpool side contain ing Matthews and Mortensen 4–2, would see history made

in a style for all seasons. Wembley would settle for that

#### The cream of the best

David Lacey's dream team Peter Schmelchel: Johnny Carey Mertin Bucher Allenby Chilton

Denis Invin: George Best **Bobby Chariton** Ryan Giggs; Eric Cantona Denis Law. Substitutes: Bill Foulkes, Pr

Crerend, Billy Meredith.





## United 1948 vintage . . . Johnny Carey holds the FA Cup United 1970 vintage . . . George Best in his prime giving Cup rivals Ipswich the run around Assistant Alex Ferguson.

### Wonder boy is happy playing the father figure Michael Walker talks to one of United's elder statesmen, 22-year-old Ryan Giggs

HE long peak of his grey more confident." Though, he baseball cap may have added, "I still have to ask perbeen pulled halfway mission. Everything's got to his face, but there was go through the manager." down his face, but there was

ishly underneath it. They were those of Ryan Giggs, the normally reticent Manchester United winger allowed out to have a word with the press as this is Cup

The boy wonder is as likely as anyone to have a bearing on tomorrow's FA Cup final against Liverpool. And so intently we listened to the quiet, considered opinions of the 23-

year-old. 'It's like anything really.' said Giggs of his media rela-tions, "the more interviews you do the better you get - | Since Sky has come in there

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added, "I still have to ask per-Giggs revealed that he and ing eyes that darted sheep-

"a few of the young lads" had received training in coping with the attention and he thought Alex Ferguson was right in protecting the new boys just as he has shielded

Giggs.
Of his own celebrity status
Giggs said: "It's not a problem, I've got used to it now, it didn't just happen overnight. Because I was in the team at such a young age it's gradually grown over the last few years, so I haven't had to cope with it coming on suddenly.

"It is probably a lot more intensified off the pitch now.

ness (III); P Baker, I Garrido (Sp); S Grappasonni (III); P Priter, R Claydon; I Feliu (Sp); M Litton: M A Martin (Sp); C Gevaer (Fr); C Post (Den), 72 S Fledt: A Lebouz (Fr); J Pimero (Sp); J Arruti (Sp); G Revaer (Fr); C Post (Den), 72 S Fledt: A Lebouz (Fr); J Pimero (Sp); J Arruti (Sp); G Revaer, P Culricti (Switz; M Roo. R Altenop (Aus); D Hospatel (Sp); H Buhrmann (SA); J Heggarty, S Walson. 73 A Kanikenen (Fin); T Johnstone (Zim): A Sorensen (Den); M Jonzon (Swe); R MoFalanc; M A Jimanez (Sp); A Collison; A Coltart J Van de Velde (Fr); K Erdsson (Swe); A Bossert (Switz); R Tomsdale, R Coless: F Sjoland (Switz); F Crisson (Swe); F Ces (Sp), R Boxali; M Hallberg (Swe), M Mouland: P Talbot; J-I, Gaopy (Fr), 74 D higgins; N Briggs; R Willison; C Montgomerie; G Chalmars (Aus); D R Rusself; J M Canizares (Sp); G Sumeson (Sp); R Goosen (SA); W Riley (Aus); E O'Comner, J Townsend (JS); J Rivero (Sp); W Washor (SA); D Smybi; O Clarte, G Levenson (SA); A Hansen (Den); J Hawksworth, 75 E Fernandez (Sp); A Haglund (Swe); A Medicia (Swe); G Benermon, M Turnichii; H-P Thue! (Ger); J Gervas (Sp); P Myman (Swe); G Emermon, M Clayton (Aus); J M Controls (Sp); J Bekerton; P Mitchell; S Webster, W Sherimann (Swe); G Emermon, M Clayton (Aus); J M Controls (Sp); J Bekerton; P Mitchell; S Webster, W Sherimann (Swe); G Emermon, M Clayton (Aus); J M Controls (Sp); P O Field, K Mourgan d'Alque (Fr), T S Webster, W Sutton, 73 M Bertilajold (Swe); E Aron (Fr), A Rogers, Aroshris 99 L Jensen (US); H Kooth (Swe); A C Jonasson (Swe), 70 F Dassu (It); C Halt, D Dowling: L Navarro (Sp), 71 C Peek (US); M Arrut (Sp).

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are a lot more players doing things off the pitch and as for Giggs and niggling injulong as you realise that football is your career, then it games unfit and watched the "A lot of us realise that in isn't a problem. You can enjoy it, getting away from football, but like any other player, you've got to be careful where you go and what

'Tm lucky I live where I went to school and where I was brought up, so I don't really get any hassle or any-thing if I go out." Any poten-tial cockiness is defused by family and friends: "If I've had a bad game they tell me and they know I respect that." Bad performances from Giggs have been infrequent this season, and he considers it "probably my most consistent yet. With so many young lads coming into the team, the older players have had to mature. Well, I say older players. Me, Sharpey, Roy Keane little bit older."

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WOMEN'S ITALIAN OPEN (Home): Third rounds S Graf (Gar) by P Suarez (Ara) 6-2, 6-4; M Hingle (Switz) by S Co-chini (It) 6-2, 6-4; M Manacies (Fr) by B Schen (144) 6-3, 0-6, 8-0, M Miniorea (But) by J Wiesner (Aut) 5-7, 6-1, 6-4.

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Cycling

Cup final from the bench. But having already won the title this season United are looking forward to exorcising the



Giggs . . . more confident

Philadelphia 2, Houston 1 (m 10); Atlanta 5, Colorado 1, San Francisco 10, St. Louis 7, AMERICAN LEACUE: Minrosota 7, Seat-lle 5 (m 10); NY 10, Detroit 3; Chucago 11,

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**Evening Racing** 

the two games against Liver-

pool this season we haven't played to the best of our abilities and for the most part they gave us a doing really, for an hour here and certainly at Anfield. "I think Liverpool play a

European style, five at the back, it's difficult to get the ball off them. Every player in their team is comfortable on the ball, so if you give it away you're not going to get it

However, Giggs sees a positive omen in last Sunday's victory at Middlesbrough When we won the Double it helped us that we had won the League the week before. Last pointment (of losing out to Blackburn and it was very hard to pick ourselves up."

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PLACEPOT: C172.70. QUADPOT: C45.70.

Giggs's only regret of a fine season is that Wales have not qualified for Euro '96, particularly as it is being staged in England.

"To be a world-class player you have got to be recognised on the European Championship stage or the World Cup stage, and I am more determined than ever to get to a World Cup or European

Championship."
There is plenty of time, and Ferguson has always maintained that Giggs is in a learning process, that there is still more to come. "Young Ryan," said Ferguson, "when he's 24 you will see the real player, the finished article."

That is a year and a half away and Giggs is in no hurry. "I think the young lads have taken a lot of the pres-sure off me now, though I am still trying to keep that tag as a young lad. Not succeeding, but I'm trying."

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**Real Tennis** 

**Fixtures** 

6.15 (2m Sf 110/ds Hdin): 1, CLASSIC CHEST, N Bentley (9-4 lav); 2, Storm Comes (14-1): 3, Wightons (4-1), 13 ran, 15, st hd. (G Meore) Tote: 12.90; 21.90, 54.00, £1.50, Dual F: £42.30, Trio: £36.00, CSF: £32.19. Soccer 6.446 (2m 6f Ch): 1, LITTLE WENLOCK, Mrs V Jackson (11-8 fay): 2, Private Jet (7-1): 3, Heast Creet (11-2): 10 ran. 1, 15, (Mrc D Gibson) Tote: 52.20, 51.50, 51.40, 52.00 Dual F: 67.20 Trio: 530.70, CSF: 510.68. PONTOIS LEAGUE Second i Bradford C v Preston (12.0; La Huli (7.0). Third: Shrawabury v B Rugby Union

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## **QPRowner** steps down

HRIS WRIGHT, the of the record company Chrysalis and owner of Sheffield Sharks basketball club, emerged last night as the favourite to buy ueens Park Rangers. Negotiations have begun

with Wright, a 50-year-old Rangers supporter, and another potential buyer after the owner Richard Thompson relinguished control of the Premiership status. The boardroom manoeuvres put continued to rise in the

Thompson resigned as a director, ending eight years of family ties with the club. He is expected to renew his attempt to take over at Leeds United where he remains on close terms with the clubs' acting chairman Bill Fotherby and where there is a poard vacancy following the chairman Leslie Silver's recent resignation.- -

Thompson and Roy Copus,

stepped down from the OPP board to be replaced by the football administration manager Clive Berlin and Alam Hedges, who doubles as general manager and safety offi cer at Loftus Road. Financial dealt with by the board rather than the Thompson family Rangers are also looking for

new sponsors after their out. The computer company insisted on invoking a release minating it in the event of

 Premiership attendances 1995-96 season with figures revealing a 13.5 per cent increase on last season and average match attendances going up from 24,271 to 27,550. Ironically, the best supported team in England, Man-chester United, were one of only three clubs in the Premiership whose gates showed a drop on the previous

The fall was due to building work at Old Trafford, Gates at

#### McStay pulls out of Euro '96

EOIN JESS, the Coventry midfielder, was called into the Scotland squad preparing for Euro '96 yes terday after Paul McStay was forced to withdraw with an ankle injury, writes Patrick Glenn. The Celtic player has

been carrying the injury for some months and is likely to need surgery. "I had resigned myself to having no chance of mak-ing it," said Jess after fly-

ing north to join the square at Largs. "I had booked a holiday in the Caribbean

friend, Denise. I'll be de lighted to cancel it." Craig Brown, the manager, was disappointed by McStay's withdrawal, espe-cially as there was little

hint that he would not make it to England in June. "I can't quantify the size of the loss," he said. "He's one of our most creative players and our second top scorer with nine goals."

The Bulgarian interna-tional Rian Kiriakov is expected to fly to Aberdeen £400,000 move from An-

i debut this week and has been

change of clubs — from those

that gave him his amateur

sumably prepared to pay

more. "I made myself ill mak-

ing the decision," he said yes-

terday. "I had got to the stage

where I was going to change,

but then one last session

ing some players to distrac-

tion. "All my birdies," he said, "came from good shots

two bogeys at short holes, one

of which came after a 65-min-

ute delay for thunder and

lightning.
One of the players who

could not cope was Colin Montgomerie. "The greens

seemed to have a mind of their own," he said. "It's a

which finished close." were eight of them, offset by

As is the way of players getting round in 66, Pyman scarcely noticed the state of the greens, which were driv-

changed my mind again."

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## Pyman enjoys simple fare

HREE years ago lain Pyman won the Amateur championship with a tried and trusted piece of timber, a persimmon driver. The weapon served him well throughout a distinguished amateur career that brought Walker Cup honours and an appearance at the Masters.
Then he turned profes-

sional and was seduced. At his first pro event, in Hamburg, there were dozens of free drivers available. Pyman chose the latest metal-headed, graphite-shafted, go-further-faster model — and has not driven well since.

Now he has gone back to the old technology. He has a custom-fitted persimmon with a steel shaft and yester day it was the key component in a round of 66 that gave him the lead in the Spanish Open at Club de Campo.

He is one ahead of the jour-neyman American Bill O'Malley and the Welshman Marcus Wills and two ahead of a group of players on 68 that in-cludes the 16-year-old Spaniard Sergio Garcia, who is the European Amateur champion.

"There's not much difference in length between metal and wood," said Pyman yes-terday, "if you hit them out of the middle. But metal goes further if you get a mis-hit. The trouble is it may not finish on the fairway and be-cause I'm a good iron player, I like to be on the fairway. Anyway, hitting persimmon is such a nice feeling. It gives me a lot of pleasure.

Since reverting to wood that has happened more frequently and Pyman feels, with two top-10 finishes in his last three events, some good play is beginning to be rewarded. Pyman's experience, of course, emphasises the wis-dom of Gordon Sherry, who is

making his professional

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shame: they were soft, spongy, spiky and heel-printy. But Montgomerie's tournament worries were superceded by news from home. His 10-week-old daughter Venetia; who had been taken to hospi-tal on Sunday with an infection, was said to be not improving and the Scot decided his place was at home. The former amateur cham:

pion Gordon Sherry opened his professional career with a level-par 72. Sherry, who played his last game as an amateur at the Masters nearly a month ago, said: "When you compare this to last year, it's unbelievable how much competitive golf I played then. My game is okay at the moment but I lack that competitive edge and the habit you get into of having to make a score. Perhaps that's why I shot 72 today instead of 68.

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dering on being God-like. I would like Bath to do one rugby league training session a week. If we did that, we would be a far better side than we are at the moment."

Arguments about the

games' respective merits, though, are merely diversions to the central theme. The im-

portant question is how sig-

nificant was Wednesday's nificant was weunesuay s match to the future develop-ment of the two codes. Was it merely a curio of a game, albeit an historic one.

or was it the first step on the

road to unification? Less than three years ago Martin Of-fiah, scorer of six tries on Wednesday and a former union man, said that he could

not envisage unification in his lifetime.

Such has been the pace of change over the last year,

however, that he would prob-

ably take a very different view of the situation now. It

is now possibly a question not of if but when.

If nothing else, Wednesday's match must surely arouse debate in many rugby circles about the possibilities of one code. Unification

of one code. Unification.

though, is likely to be dictated

more by the massive wealth of a tycoon such as Rupert Murdoch than by the govern-

ing bodies of the two codes. It could possibly come about by the leading union and rugby league clubs breaking away to form their own super league.

The rugby revolution is possibly only in its infancy. Wednesday may have meant nothing but in years to come

it might be viewed as a water-shed. Either way, the spirit in

which the match was played offered a small antidote to so

Scott Quinnell, Wigan's Wales international forward,

is likely to play in tomorrow's

Middlesex Sevens against

their first opponents Rich-mond, for whom Quinnell has

signed to play next season. Wakefield yesterday agreed to take the place of Bath, who

have withdrawn from the

many years of bitterness.

A match that

could result

in one game

Paul Fitzpatrick

on the implications

meeting between

ASON ROBINSON was

one of the smallest men on the field in Wednes-

day night's cross-code chal-lenge match between Wigan

and Bath at Maine Road. But

the young Wigan winger made fools of men twice his

size, not merely with his skill and speed but with his aston-

ishing strength.
Though the absent Jeremy
Guscott claimed otherwise.

the match had plenty to prove and it showed unequivocally

that the best players from rugby union do not have the handling skills, fitness, pace,

guile or tackling ability of the best from rugby league.
Not that you will find any-

one in rugby league with any-thing other than respect for

the Bath players. They, after all, tried to succeed where the

best Australian clubs, Manly,

Penrith and Brisbane Broncos, playing for world titles, have failed.

Theirs was a thankless task, playing an alien code after only three practice sessions. But after a pasting in the first half, they showed themselves quick learners at the start of the second.

Next time it will be Wigan

who have to learn quickly. "You need about six O-levels

to understand union,"

claimed Wigan's captain Shaun Edwards. But it will be

up to Bath to decide whether

Wednesday night's spectacle is repeated, whether they go

Jon Callard, their lone try

scorer, yesterday seemed to signal the latter when he called for more cross-code

matches. "Wigan were awe-

some. I had a huge amount of

respect for them before the

same but now they are hor-

for attrition or adventure.

Wigan and Bath

of the historic

Tour match: Worcestershire v Indians

## Hick 200 puts India in a spin

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English cricket dares imagine life as it should be, Graeme Hick invariably plays the domineering innings worthy of his intrinsic talent, banishing allcomers with disturbing ease. India's howers will see India's bowlers will com-plain with feeling that such an image is based not in fan-

tasy but in fact.
Hick's last Test innings 'against India was his 178 in Bombay more than three years ago, a maiden Test century that signalled his rise to tury that signalied his rise to international respectability. His last one-day innings against them was an unbeaten century in Gwalior and he topped the averages in batting, bowling and fielding. Yesterday, renewing acquaintances, his authority was dispassionately under-

tury of his career. 215 from 195 balls with 30 fours and six sixes, was an effortless destruction of an Indian attack inconvenienced by a dull pitch and a piercing northeasterly wind. Caught at midwicket trying to pull Prasad, he walked off with the absentminded expression of a farmer. minded expression of a farmer wandering back to the house after chopping firewood.

When Hick took a double

century off the 1993 Austra-lian tourists, Shane Warne revealed none of the varia-tions that were to cause consternation for England's bats-men as the Test series progressed. It is doubtful that the two Indian leg-spinners. Anil Kumble and Narendra Hirwani, who bowled 52 overs for 237, have many suggestions. for 237, have many surprises

in store.
Kumble suppressed Hick in the 190s by bowling around the wicket into the rough outwas dispassionately underside leg stump, a negative lined. The 10th double centrecourse that would have

brought leg-side wides in one-day cricket, and yesterday brought brief stalemate. Hirwani played his first Test for India for nearly five

years last November — five wickets against New Zealand in Cuttack making him Man of the Match — and such was Hick's dismissive treatment that it might be five years before he plays another one.
All Hick's six sixes came

against Hirwani, including three in succession in midafternoon which briefly raised hopes of six in an over. "When did six sixes cross your mind, Graeme?" he was

"Before the first ball," he

replied.

Keen-eyed spectators willalso have noticed Weston's 98, a hundred forgone as he was lbw in Ganguly's first over. Worcestershire, batting to the close, reached 440 for four, a lead of 91 going into today's

County Championship: Surrey v Kent

## **Lewis gets** his life back

David Foot at The Oval

ENT's batting was at times as wayward as the pigeons that insisted on nose-diving the fielders or intrepidly station-ing themselves in vast numbers at silly mid-off.

The birds, as if on sabbati-cal from the steps of St Paul's, threatened to divert interest and dilute the praise for Surrey's admirable bowling in dismissing Kent for 225. Kent are a team of paradox.

They came top in the Sunday eague last season and finished on the bottom of the Championship. So far they have won all

four Benson and Hedges Cup matches and are experimen-tally opening with Matthew Fleming as if eager to pursue a policy of early aggression. But he went to the fifth ball with an early-morning stroke: worse, Trevor Ward

went to the sixth.

Martin Bicknell, off a controlled run, found movement at once and took both wickets — with catches at gully and ham, who also had Graham behind the stumps. Cari Hooper may have an aversion to helmats but was soon calling for one as he faced Chris Lewis. By the eighth over, however, Lewis was conceal ing his slower ball, which hit the bottom of the stumps. Lewis's progress at his new

home is being acutely moni-tored, no doubt amid an equal proportion of hope and scepticism. He took two wickets, producing the best balls of the

innings. David Fulton, who had been standing firm, fatally re-ceived a brutish lifter immediately before lunch. Lewis appeared intent on rebirth while oblivious to wardrobe. The shirt was out and flying, making him look like a fugi-

tive from a Feydeau farce. Graham Cowdrey batted busily but he had also gone in untimely style in the closing overs of the first session. Steven Marsh was out to a notable diving catch just wide of point by Alistair Brown. Mark Ealham restored con-

fidence as he moved to his half-century off 82 balls before making his first serious error; he tried to cut Richard Pearson and was bowled. Pearson's off-breaks brought him three deserved wickets. By the close Surrey were 88 for three. Darren Bicknell

Martin McCague was hostile. Brown thumped when the ball pitched short, Mark Butcher played like a sensible opener ... and the pigeons remained as if they were auditioning for a natural his

#### McGrath saves his best for the chairman

ORKSHIRE's England A all-rounder Anthony McGrath chose a perfect if parky day to post his best County Championship score, getting out only nine short of his maiden century in front of the England chairman Ray Illingworth, writes Chris Curtain.

The White Rose bloomed in chilly Sheffield. Having put the Glamorgan attack to the sword in their opening championship victory. Yorkshire's batting again dominated against Derby-shire, with the county's tame Australian, Michael Bevan, clattering 136 off only 160 deliveries and add-ing 164 in 35 overs with

As Southampton, the West Indies discard Winstori Benjamin blasted his way to his second century in an 11-year first-class career as Hampshire finished their first day of championship action on 381 for six against Essex. Benjamin hit an un-beaten 102, all in the third session, with three sixes

and 14 fours. They say he bowls a bit, too. At Old Trafford, the England captain Mike Atherion maintained his fine earlyless 4%-hour 87 as Lanca-shire reached 296 for five against Leicestershire.

Darren Maddy was the visitors' hero, coming on as seventh bowler and taking two wickets to peg Lanca-shire back from 191 for two. tory documentary.



Sussex v Warwickshire

## An ungentle Knight

Paul Weaver at Hove

T TIMES the positive-ness of Warwickshire's cricket borders on affrontery. Dermot Reeve set his side the target of scoring 500 against his old county yesterday and be looked disap pointed when they reached a paltry 494 for three.

Sussex were experimenting one represented this better than Nick Knight, who scored bowlers". At lunch Vasbert Drakes, Ed Giddins. Paul Jarvis and Danny Law had gone for bucketfuls and Warwickshire were 180 for one. It all looks ominous for Sus

sex, who are without their main spinner Ian Salisbury. The pitch is already worn and dusty and Neil Smith and Ashley Giles are licking their twirling fingers.

Warwickshire are without the injured Tim Munton, Gladstone Small, Michael Bell and Andy Moles but seldom can any club have made such an emphatic start to the de-

fence of the title. rence of the title.

The pitch is flat, the outfield flast and Sussex are playing some awful cricket, but that should not detract from Warwickshire's dynamism. No one represented this better than Nick Knight, who scored his third cantury in success.

He drove splendidly but also picked the length quick! enough to pull and cut with great power. He does not have the left-hander's traditional weakness outside the off-

1994 season is rubbing off. He will surely open for England

After Wasim Khan was bowled at 68 it was something of a turkey-shoot — or mart-let-shoot. Sussex are playing with as much conviction as the football club up the road.

Warwickshire, who won the toss, scored 32 in the first five overs and the 50 came up in the ninth. Knight reached his century from his 80th ball, driving Giddins straight for his 132 from 113 deliveries

With Dominic Ostler (90) he added 141 for the second stump. He closes the face carry Warwickshire to the more and plays through the Close. When they reached 391 it V. He is also more aggressive, as if the massive self-belief of sex. And it was just after itea.

Sport in brief

Britain's men's team remain anchored at the bottom of the rankings in the six-nation Sultan Azlan Shah tourna-ment in Ipoh, Malaysia after losing 2-0 to South Korea,

Rugby Union

Rugby League

London Broncos' captain

### Northamptonshire v Glamorgan Warren digs in

Mike Selvey at Northampton

HE old football stands have gone and the County Ground prettied up, but when an easterly wind comes in like a switchblade it remains an unwel-coming place. Apart from loony Boxing Day matches on the Goodwin Sands, cricket was never meant to be played in such temperatures and it would have been no surprise yesterday to see a St Bernard bringing out the drinks.

So the Glamorgan side, con-demned to a day in the field demned to a day in the field after losing a toss important for their body heat if nothing else, would have been grateful to have seen the bails come off at the close after a run around for much of the day punctuated only by a sudden and unexpected clatter of mickets early in the afternoon. wickets early in the afternoon.

Despite the loss of 14 overs in the morning, Northamp-tonshire had established a dominant position by the close, reaching 332 for four, the principle contribution

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coming from Russell Warren with his second championship century after Richard Montgomerie (51) and Alan Fordham (52) had seen the innings off to a flying start with an opening partnership of 105. With Warren was David Ca-

with Warren was David Capel, who will resume today on 51, the fifth-wicket partnership worth 146.

Warren played extremely well with, in particular, some efficient driving. He spent the bulk of last season with the dual role of batsman-wicket-keeper, intilally because of an injury to David Rioley and injury to David Ripley and then in the interest of team balance. Although Ripley has returned for the championreturned for the champion-ship, Warren still keeps in the one-day games, a situation sure to have been monitored by the England selectors. Glamorgan, without their overseas player Ottls Gibson,

failed to make best use of the same bouncy pitch used for last Tuesday's one-day match against Nottinghamshire, with both Steve Watkin and

Darren Thomas — who has some pace on him — guilty of unnecessary underpitching at times and then overcompensating. Montgomerie and fordham, who twice pulled Westlin for six took full. Watkin for six, took full

advantage.
The impetus was disturbed only by the medium pace of Adrian Dale, who took just eight championship wickets last year but, fresh from a five-wicket performance against Middlesex in the Benson and Hedges Cup, took the against Mindlesex in the Beals
son and Hedges Cup, took the
wickets of the opening pair
and that of Rob Bailey (century on Tuesday, nought yesterday) in the space of nine
balls, Fordham going to an outstandingly gymnastic catch by Metson.

Scoreboard

County Championship

(Today: 11.0) Southampton Hampshire (4pts) soored 361 for six against Essex (2).

Diffres (b6, lb14, nb22) 42

Total (for 6, 104 overs) 557

Rell of welchanter 63, 23, 26, 114, 194, 225.

To bett S D Udal, S M Milbern, C A Connor.

Bowlings Hoft 28-7-84-1; Williams 21-2-77-1; Law 8-0-39-0; Iran 16-1-83-2; Such 23-9-48-2; Grayton 7-1-80-0.

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21-6-62-0; Simmons 13-1-29-0; Person
20-8-61-1; Wellis 5-2-17-0; Brimson
25-4-77-1; Maddy 8-4-12-2
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SUSSEX v WARWICKSBUR Hower Warwickshire (40ts) have scored 494 for three against Sussex (1). WARBICKSBURE First tensings N v Knight b Drakes 19 D P Oester c Athey b Phillips 90 T L Penney not out 92 DA Reeve not out 97 Scaras (bd., v1., nb20) 27

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Silverwood, R D Stemp,
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34-7-135-3; Autred 18-1-4-0; Vandrau
25-1-109-0; Wells 5-0-25-0; Barnett
8-0-45-0

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G F Archer Ibw b Lee 33
T Johnson Ibw b Rose 0
M F Downson to Turner b Caddick 22
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C M Tolley c Turner b Rose 9
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J A Afford not out 0
Extres (56, WG, nb5) 14

Total (83 overs) 200
Fell or windsets: 24, 84, 92, 144, 170, 170, 183, 191, 198.
Exertings: Caddick: 14-4-35-1; Shine: 15-2-58-2; Rose: 19-9-1-6.

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P D Bowles live b Pennett
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P C L Holloway not out
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J D Batty not out
Extras (b1, w1, nb12)

by 77 runs with lour first-imrings wick remaining. BEDDLESSEX First beeings P N Weekus tow b Brown ... J C Pooley b Betts ... M R Ramprakesh a Soot b Betts ... M W Gatting run out ... J D Carr a Collingwood & Foster ... Y R Brown the b Foster ... R A Fay c Campbell b Foster ... Britsel (b10, nb12) ... Erizes (b10, nb12) ... Erizes (b10, nb12) ...

Total (85.8 overs) 194 Fall of wicksets 2, 20, 34, 84, 158, 169, 198, 186, 191. Bowlings Brown 14-2-53-2; Betts 20-5-73-2; Foster 10.3-4-21-4; Collingwood 3-1-9-0; Bolling 5-2-20-0.

Total (77.4 overs) 225
Fell of wickets: 1, 1, 13, 88, 92, 178, 180, 210, 214, 224, 214, 8cordings: M P Biotraell 17.6-52-2; Lowis 20-4-57-2; Julian 14.4-3-35-2; Butcher 13-3-41-1; Peerson 13-5-35-3.

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B M A Batcher not out
"A J Stewart c Hooper b Egiham 6
G P Thorpe b Egiham 6
A D Brown not out 18
Extras (tb6, nb2) 8

Julian, 7G J norway, m. Pearson, Bowling: McCague 9-2-25-7; Thompson 6-1-14-0; Estham 6-0-25-2; Wren 2-0-14-0; Pulei 2-0-4-0. Usephrass K J Lyons and B J Meyer, Umphrase K J Lyons and B J Meyer.

Bails Hogg Troping

Chestar-is-Street: Durham 257-4 (D G C Ligarheod 101nc, J I Longley 89). Lancs 258-6 (N T Wood 90). Lanca won by four wickets. Darkey Foris 273-7 dec (C Charman 79, A Wharf Strot. Derbys 158 (Hamilton 5-29), Yorks won by 115 runs. Easthourner Easter 252 (A R Butcher 103). Sussess won by seven wickets. Lalcaster 103. Sussess won by seven wickets. Lalcaster 103. Leics 346-5 (T MacMillan 90, C Penny 780c, J Datin 50). Warks 259 (D Lovell 12), M Edmonds 52). Leics won by 57 runs.

(Today: 11.0)

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G A Hick o Pathors
b Ventalesh Prasso
H K Spiring b Kumble
TS J Rhodes not out
Extras (b5, 166, 166)

Total (for 4, 109 overs) 449
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Th lest: 'T M Moody, S R Lampil, R K illingworth, P A Thomas. A Sheriyer.
Bowling: Ventakash Presad 25-5-75-1; Mnambrey 20-5-87-1; Kumble 31-4-121-1; Hirwani 27-3-115-0; Ganguty 7-2-13-1; Jadeja 5-1-15-0. Second XI Champ

Bristok Hanis 355 and 269-5 dec (K D James 100, G R Treagus 79no), Glouss 327-5 and 180-7 (M A Lynch 56), Drawn. Starting today MIDDLESEX and Durham

maintained their lacklustre starts to the season with poor batting displays at Lord's, where 16 wickets fell on a pacy first-day pitch. A fine opening spell by Melvin Betts, making his first appearance at HQ, accounted for Jason Pooley and Mark Ramprakash and soon Middlesey ware 24 for three

dlesex were 34 for three.

But Mike Gatting and John
Carr dug in to add 60 in 16
overs, with Gatting demonstrating the technique and application to prosper in the testing conditions.

But the former England captain has lately been a menace to himself and his teammates with his calling and running between the wickets, and it let him down again as

single.. With Middlesex's Kiwi Dion Nash injured — and probably grateful to stay in the warm after his recent return from the West Indias to the trail offered little

he tried for an impossible

Potras (lb6, nbz)

Total (br 3, 25 overs)

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McC his first in the championship
— as the Northerners crashed to 30 for three.

But the Middlesex old boy Mike Roseberry showed cap-tainly deflance and hit seven fours in making 48 in 21/4 hours. But by the close, Durham were only 114 for six and

#### Hockey

Boris Becker's hopes of win-ning his first clay-court tournament were quashed yester-Gilbert Schaller in the third round of the German Open in Hamburg. On a cold, wet day wicket. Then came Trevor the 16th seed beat the top seed Penney (129) and Reeve (97) to 6-2, 6-2.

Equestrianism

David McPherson, a Kent-based South African, won the Speed Classic on his 12-year-old Flip at the Royal Windsor Horse Show, writes John Rerr. McPherson shaved all Terry Matterson was last most half a second off the night banned for two time of Guy Gooson and his veteran grey Fiorella who had led the 44-strong field.

matches. The Australian was sent off for a high tackle at Leeds last weekend.

day when the former another of the countries who Wimbledon champion was are in Britain's pool at the four, and struck 23 fours in outplayed by the Austrian Atlanta Olympic Games.

Gareth Rees, Canada's World Cup captain, is returning to Wasps, his first club. The flyhalf, a history master at Eton, has scored 270 points for Newport this season.

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# FA snub for fans in ticket scandal

**Martin Thorpe** and**John Duncan** on the controversy rocking Euro '96

HOUSANDS of sup-porters who paid for European Champi onship tickets will spend the next week waiting to discover if they are

According to the Euro '96 tournament director Glen Kirton, "about 10,000 ticket applications are subject to investigation" after a police in-quiry into unauthorised hos-pitality packages. The organisers say they will know in seven days which are fake.

Euro '96 phone lines were jammed yesterday with calls from anxious supporters wor-ried that they may have paid for or booked unauthorised

Their concern followed Wednesday's revelations that the FA's commercial director Trevor Phillips had left his job after allegedly being im-

plicated in approving tickets for unauthorised companies. Kirton believes the majority of applications for tickets, which are due to be delivered. by the end of the month, will cleared. But he warned fans: "We cannot accept res-ponsibility for ascertaining chether they have bought a pup; whether they have gone to somebody who shouldn't be handling those tickets. So it's up to the person concerned to go and check that they are

ious sources of suspect tickets. They are investigating a man who employed dozens of people to make personal applications before he sold them on abroad as hospitiality security checks we will send tickets directly to these

Thirty bulk applications are also being investigated. Euro '96 is questioning the validity of applications which purport to be from football clubs or firms on an outing whose members say they want to sit together at games. Another 15 bulk applications have already been found to be genuine, but the 30 have been given a week to prove they

are genuine.
"We will not allow them to get the tickets to sell on as hospitality packages," said Kirton. "If we discover these bulk applications are fronts they won't get their tickets. Our sole aim is safety and

security."

Euro '96 yesterday told those who phoned that they problems.

tributors Synchro, through the ticket hotline, or through Keith Prowse and Sportworld or their authorised sub-"Any supporter who said they got their tickets from another, unauthorised source was told: 'you'd better go back to them and check it',"

said Kirton.

Kirton admitted the whole episode was embarrassing. "It is embarrassing, because we supported the police opera-tion and the first thing that has happened is that the name of a colleague has been mentioned," he said. "Investigating that has taken up time we should have spent getting on with organising the

tournament. Phillips is understood to have agreed a total of 2,000 tickets for three unauthorised

Steve Hamer, a director of one of those companies, the National Sporting Club, which received 1,100 tickets, said he met with Phillips last

June.
"We had a lunch to explore the possibility of obtaining tickets for clients of the NSC at Euro '96. Mr Phillips said he was able to assist in this and we were put in touch with Synchro.

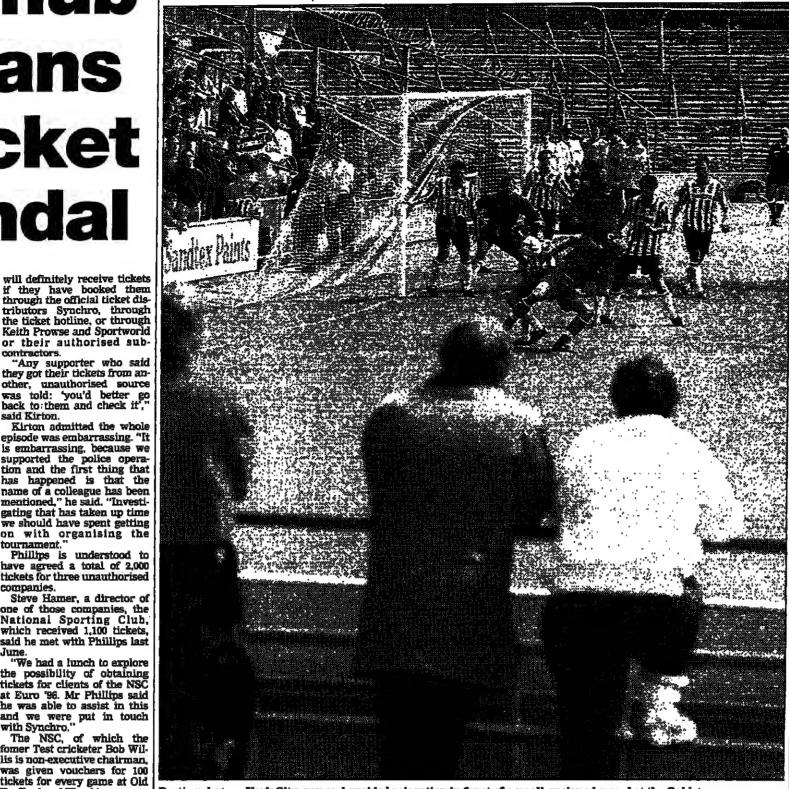
The NSC, of which the fomer Test cricketer Bob Willis is non-executive chairman, was given vouchers for 100 tickets for every game at Old Trafford and Wembley. Euro '96 said yesterday that

they would honour the agreements with NSC and the two tickets directly to those individuals."

However, another director of the NSC, David Willis, when asked if he had threat-ened Euro '96 with legal action for the tickets, replied: We pointed out the consequences of the failure to keep to their contract."

Hamer was arrested during a police raid on the NSC. Yes-terday he said he "would be very surprised if we didn't take legal action" for wrongful arrest. The experience of the raid was "humiliating" and "demeaning", he said. The Labour MP Kate Hoey yesterday asked the Minister for Sport if he plans to meet

### **UNHAPPY FINISH FOR BRIGHTON AND KNIGHTON**



Parting shot . . . York City won and avoided relegation in front of a small, resigned crowd at the Goldstone 🛭 FRANK BARON

## York postscript dooms Carlisle auction at Lord's in 1987 when a pile of handkerchiefs on which Dr W G allegedly once

Tom Evans finds a chairman threatening legal action after a delayed execution

ton will be taking legal advice this morning in his running battle with the Football League as the Cumbrian club yesterday returned to the Third Division from where they had emerged last season as champions. York City, needing a point to avoid the drop at Carlisle's expense, won their rearranged match at Brighton 3–1. Knighton was their rearranged match at Brighton 3-1. Knighton was among the 2,106 crowd at the Goldstone ground, and afterwards continued to blame the League for their handling of the affair.

"I shall be speaking to my and their very large on a level playing first half Brighton didn't lie down," he said, "but they didn't have everything at stake as York did."

Craig Maskell, in fact, gave Brighton the lead on 19 minutes with a swerving shot, but second-half goals

THE Carlisle chair- lawyers tomorrow," he man Michael Knigh- said. "This is not the last of the matter. I will be seeking an audience with the Football League and hope they will do all in their power to avoid this situation occurring in the future.

"A principle is at stake, even if we had won, and it must be discussed and de-bated. We feel very strongly about this issue and believe it hasn't been conducted on a level play-ing field. It's been badly

with yesterday's game. which was distinguished by what looked like the highest steward/spectator ratio

in soccer history. Carlisle insist that York were handed an unfair advantage, given that they were the only team in the country who went into their final league game knowing what result was required of them.

Knighton had no com-plaints, though, about Brighton's efforts. "In the

ton fans invaded the pitch by Gary Bull, Paul Stephen-and tore down the goals. son and Scott Jordan en-Brighton took no chances sured York's survival. son and Scott Jordan en-sured York's survival. Their manager Alan Little admitted York had "es-caped relegation by the skin of their teeth. We

wanted it the most, and it's

a party atmosphere for us

The party spirit was missing earlier, however, when tempers rose. Rowe of Brighton and Sharples of York came to blows and were shown the final red cards of the regular League knocked down to the highest

## History ends with a bang from a gavel



posthumously proved the other week, there is nothing like the sentimental perception of the end of an era to push up prices in the saleroom — so no end of inflated bids are expected tomorrow at Phillips's auction house in London when the late Brian Johnston's hoard of cricketing bits and pieces — "cricketana" — goes under the hammer.

"I suppose old Summers will be bidding for most of Johnners's junk," joked a friend yesterday. Come again? Well, wasn't he one of the commentator's bereaved and beloved cronies referred to by Prime Minister Major on Johnston's death in 1994? You remember: 'Summers will ever be the same'."

Besides Johnston's mostly knick-knack relics, the sale includes several hundred lots of erious cricketing memorabilia such as Spy prints, ancient Wisdens, G G Hearne's diaries of the MCC tour of South Africa in 1891–92 and, most collectible of all, the inscribed bat with which Don Bradman scored his 212 against England at Adelaide

But Johnners's collection of neckties will hog all the headlines and un-dam all the tearducts. Such is the affection in which his memory is held that the prices of his essentially trivial lots will be pushed up fivefold by the fever to get something, anything, for sen-timent's sake, just as they were at the exorbitant MCC blew his nose, and which had been valued at £30, were gavelled down at more than £800. The sale estimate on John-

ston's bacon-and-egg MCC tie is a whopping £150, but it will doubtless go for much more tomorrow, although shrewder collectors will probably concentrate on his Test Match Special tie or his Saturday best sported for the Primary Club. "He had so many ties that I could not shut the wardrobe door," said his widow Pauline yesterday. "He was ent so many that there were bundreds more in a trunk." His Panama hat will also be

binder but not, alas, his fam-ous co-respondent shoes, which he always referred to as "my old brown-and-whiters". The price of cricketana, as opposed to that of any other

sport, has been a saleroom phenomenon over the past couple of decades. There is little sign of a slump. A leading collector is the journalist and author David Frith who says:

They been experting the "I have been expecting the bubble to burst for years, but it hasn't yet and prices are
holding up remarkably on almost every front."
But, Frith adds, with his engaging gloominess: "It's not a

young man's fancy and recently we have lost two de-voted specialist collectors [Bob Jones and Don Rowan] and the rest of us are getting older by the day — so there is a distinct possibility that soon many more executors will be preparing to flood the market and there could be many more

vendors than purchasers."
Among the pictures ready to be taken off the saleroom wall is a colour-photograph portrait of Johnston himself; hanging next to it — ironi-cally, for in life, being such different fellows, they never saw eye to eye -- is a penciland-chalk portrait of the late John Arlott, to all intents the founder of the radio feast which the good Johnston tucked into with such relish in the latter part of his life.

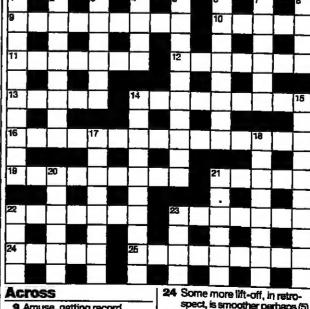
T Worcester yesterday we were reflecting on how the Johnston sale tural chapter for sentimental Brits of a certain "wireless" age, just as the Onassis-Ken-nedy auction finally drew the curtain on the last vestiges of America's Camelot fable. It was an appropriate place for such thoughts, as a half-century passage could be said to have started in the first days of May in 1946, at that very same wind-blown field at Worcester and, to complete the anniversary exactitude, with the Indians playing. For it was 50 years ago on May 4 1946 that Arlott made his first live cricket broadcast — for the Eastern section of the BBC World Service — when India began their tour on the traditional springtime sanctum alongside the silvery Severn. In his autobiography, Basingstoke Boy, Arlott said that that auspicious day "had opened up a glimpse of high pleasure — watching cricket without undue work strain seemed, and continued to be for many years, happiness al-most beyond belief.

Fifty years on, almost to the day, Johnston's sale somehow ties up the whole story neatly, if dolefully. Summers just can't be the same.

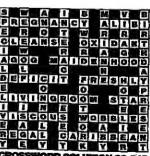
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